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The Blame Rests With Marshall

THERE was so much give and take at the London talks on Singapore's independence that it is astonishing they should break down on the single question of Britain's right to have a hand in controlling the Colony's internal security. Mr. Marshall's adamant attitude to this issue has not helped the people of Singapore to attain what even in Whitehall are regarded as their legitimate aspirations for independence within the Commonwealth.

Mr. Marshall and his delegation saw fit to make the talks stand or fall on internal security. Yet quoted editorial opinion from Singapore indicates that the Chief Minister's passionate insistence on absolute power is not shared by the Colony's electorate.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd's offer to the delegation was not ungenerous. The terms ensured advanced self-government, plus appropriate citizenship status. The Colonial Secretary is entitled to describe them as "constructive and imaginative." It was the delegation which lacked sufficient imagination to appreciate their worth.

MR Marshall has thrown away a great opportunity of advancing Singapore a long way along the road to complete independence. Among other things he has rejected the proposal for an enlarged and fully elected Assembly; the same citizenship rights within the Commonwealth as those enjoyed by independent Commonwealth countries; internal self-government with a measure of responsibility for internal security; adequate representation on a Defence and Security Council.

This is constitutional reform which a colony still struggling to adjust itself to a new form of government would, one imagines, be only too happy to accept. But Mr. Marshall, who somewhat strangely believes he has an "all or nothing" mandate, turns it down.

He would have suffered no loss of face, and even more important, no loss of prestige or political popularity had he and his delegation settled for the terms finally offered by the British government. On the contrary his reputation as a man capable of safeguarding the interests of the people of Singapore would have been enhanced.

MR Marshall's bitterness over the outcome of the negotiations is misplaced. It was he who finally failed to be realistic over a question which demanded a realistic approach as well as a realistic solution. To insist that with a defensive bastion such as Singapore, external and internal security could be treated as separate problems was wholly unrealistic.

But even more astounding was Mr. Marshall's rejection of the British compromise proposal. Britain conceded her original requirement of absolute and independent control over internal security and offered to share the responsibility with a wholly elected Singaporean government. But Mr. Marshall pathetically clung to his "all or nothing" demand.

It is hard to believe the people of Singapore will feel their Chief Minister and his associates have served them well. The delegation returns empty-handed when it could, with honour, have taken back with them virtually complete self-government.

Singapore, May 15. Political leaders called on Singapore people to "keep calm" after they heard the news of the breakdown of the Merdeka talks in London.

The Police Secretary, Mr. Peter Clague said a highly trained force was ready to face any security problem which may arise. But, he said, there was no immediate expectation of any trouble.

Commenting on reports that Mr. Marshall would resign, Mr. Chew Swee Kee, acting Chief Minister, said the Labour Front Party would direct Mr. Marshall whether to resign or not.

Mr. E. K. Tan, leader of the right-wing Liberal Socialist Party, which may be able to form a Government if Mr. Marshall resigns, said his party executive was meeting on Wednesday.

Dr. Toh Chin Chye, leader of the left-wing People's Action Party, said his group wanted fresh elections so that the next mission to London would have a strong mandate from the people.

Officials of the United Malay Nationalist Organisation said in Kuala Lumpur, the breakdown meant that the prospects of federation between Singapore and Malaya were 'damned'—Reuter.

'KEEP CALM' PLEA TO SINGAPORE

WHY MERDEKA TALKS FAILED

Lennox-Boyd Says:

MARSHALL MADE IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS

London, May 15. The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, told a press conference today how the Singapore independence talks broke down. He said Singapore was "a key fortress with a unique position in the Far East."

If the all-party delegation had accepted the constitution offered by the Government "it would have given the people of Singapore full internal self-government, a citizenship status within the Commonwealth and an important share in the conduct of the external affairs... subject to a limited right to the British Government to intervene in exceptional circumstances."

Mr. Lennox-Boyd explained in detail how the Singapore delegation at first demanded complete independence but ultimately agreed to accept self-government, giving Britain full control of external affairs and external defence except in matters of trade and commerce. But while the delegation agreed to part with control of defence and external affairs it did not say exactly what powers Britain should have. Mr. Lennox-Boyd said.

LIMITED POWER

After a long discussion the delegation agreed to give Britain some limited power but refused to let British representatives have any major say on the Singapore Security Council. "In the light of Singapore's great strategic importance in the free world... it was unreasonable to accept this position which involved responsibility without adequate powers," he said. So the British Government could not agree to the proposal. Mr. Lennox-Boyd then explained why Britain rejected the Singapore delegation's new proposals, allowing Britain to maintain bases in the island by means of an independence act. He said: "There has been no appreciable period of stable democratic government in Singapore."

NO MAJORITY

No political party held a commanding majority, he said. The substantive forces of communism were "still strongly at work."

Under these circumstances, Mr. Lennox-Boyd said, the British Government did not think it proper to take "the irrevocable step of abrogating all rights and powers of any sort for all time."

The Singapore delegation then amended its proposal to an independence bill giving Britain the right to suspend the whole constitution if the internal situation got out of control.

But Mr. Lennox-Boyd said that Britain could not accept the suggestion because it "lacked propriety."

Mr. Lennox-Boyd said he regretted throughout the conference the Singapore Chief Minister refused to give the British Government any powers except the right to suspend the whole constitution.

CHANGED TONE

Ultimately, he said, the Chief Minister agreed to make a few amendments, agreeing that Britain could use its special powers only at the recommendations of the Singapore Defence and Security Council and that British representatives should not be in a majority on that Council.

These conditions were not enough for Britain to carry out her responsibilities and "it proved impossible to reach agreement on this matter and the conference, concluded," Mr. Lennox-Boyd said.

New Margaret Rumours



NOW—A GERMAN PRINCE!

London, May 16. The Daily Express today carries reports of growing rumours that Princess Margaret is to be engaged to a brother of Queen Frederika of Greece.

According to the Express correspondent, David Wynne-Morgan, the rumours are being circulated in places as far apart as Greece and Germany.

Wynne-Morgan quotes the following interview with Prince Christian, who is working in London as a director of a shipping company.

He told the reporter on Monday, "I have intentionally refrained from attending big parties, film premieres and first nights on account of the publicity that might accrue from it. I have been inclined to quiet, exclusive places."

When asked point blank about the engagement reports, he said "I can neither confirm nor deny them."

EX-CAVALRY OFFICER

The 35-year-old prince is the great-grandson of Queen Victoria and therefore is a distant cousin of Princess Margaret. His brother is the Duke of Brunswick.

He is an ex-cavalry officer of the German army and served on the Russian front during the war. Last year he won a legal battle to be recognised as a British subject.

After the war he left Germany for America, but now works in London.

Prince Christian has frequently entertained Princess Margaret and has been a guest at Windsor Castle.

They have seldom been seen together in public. And he has avoided taking an active part in London's social life.

Wynne-Morgan says the rumour of the betrothal won't probably become official before Princess Margaret's visit to Zanzibar in the autumn ends.

—London Express Service.

MARSHALL HECKLED AT LONDON MEETING

London, May 15. Police were called to a hall here tonight after hecklers repeatedly interrupted a meeting addressed by Mr. David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister.

Mr. Marshall, and other members of the Singapore delegation to the independence talks, which failed earlier today, were speaking to the British-Africa Fellowship and the Fabian Colonial Bureau. At one point an old man in the audience with a portable amplifier shouted "this is the League of Empire Loyalists. Mr. Marshall you are murdering Singapore."

The man was escorted to the door. After Mr. Marshall had been held up several times the chairman threatened to suspend the meeting.

Finally calm was restored when two policemen arrived and stood inside the hall.

The League of Empire Loyalists is an extreme right-wing organisation which has made similar protests at a meeting addressed by Sir Anthony Eden, and at the arrival in London of the Soviet leaders Mr. Georgi Malenkov, Nikita Khrushchev and Mr. Kirillov.

Thorough Sabotage Check For Tjiluwah

POLICE TO SEARCH LINER FROM STEM TO STERN

A complete security screen has been cast around police investigations aboard the Royal InterOcean Lines vessel Tjiluwah.

The ship was due to sail this afternoon for Singapore and Indonesia carrying among her passengers 25 delegates from the Chinese mainland to Jakarta, for the Afro-Asian Students Conference originally scheduled to begin on May 25.

Instead she lies alongside the Kowloon Wharf while police officers comb the entire ship from stem to stern.

The Director of Criminal Investigation, Mr. N. B. Fraser, said this morning the search might last several days.

Police measures, he said, had the full co-operation of the Royal InterOcean Lines.

He said, "I can assure you that we are making a very, very thorough check. The whole ship is being searched from stem to stern for any signs of sabotage, and it will take time."

He added that it might be several days before the ship would be able to sail.

The precautions are designed to prevent any possible repetition of the "Kashmir Princess" incident in which a chartered Air India plane, sabotaged in Hongkong, crashed on the way to the Bandung Conference.

The tip off to the Hongkong Police came yesterday afternoon when a party of delegates arrived at the Hongkong Border. Police authorities said it came "from Communist sources."

ADEN PLAN FOR INDEPENDENCE

Arab Leaders See Lord Lloyd

Aden, May 15. Aden's political leaders today outlined their demands to Britain for self-government and internal independence within the British Commonwealth.

The Southern Arab League is supporting the move for a British-sponsored Government to encourage education by offering annual scholarships.

Delegates said they believed the meeting with Lord Lloyd was "successful and satisfying."

Emir Saleh Mahdi, of the Lahel protectorate is also supporting the proposal for a Federation of South Arabian Protectorates under British guidance and protection. —United Press.

- ★ The election of ministers by the Legislative Council.
- ★ Municipal Councils with full power to elect their own presidents.
- ★ Recognition of Arabic as the official language to allow wider Arabic participation in the Government.
- ★ Increasing the number of native Aden officers and decrease the number of British officers in senior posts.
- ★ The protectorate would also form its own militia and tighten immigration laws. The delegates also presented a plan to encourage education by offering annual scholarships.

Rhee Has Big Lead

Seoul, May 15. President Syngman Rhee needs only 300,000 votes to be elected to the South Korean presidency for a third term. However, his vice-presidential candidate is trailing, and a spokesman for the Opposition Progressive Party has charged that there have been violations of the election law.

He said: "We don't have confidence in the vote."

With more than three-quarters of the 8.5 million votes counted, Mr. Rhee has 3,420,045. Mr. Cho Bong Am, 1,403,797. There are so far 1,190,807 invalid votes.

The remaining two million votes are in conservative rural districts which are expected to favour Mr. Rhee. —United Press.

British Banker Shot In Cyprus

Nicosia, May 15. A Cypriot gunman walked into one of Limassol's biggest banks today and fired two shots at the manager, at point-blank range.

The bank manager Mr. Julian Wathen, who is British, was wounded in the shoulder. The terrorist was chased by a soldier but escaped. —United Press.

Nine Killed

New York, May 15. Nine people were killed in Jeffersonville today when a private plane crashed in a storm and exploded. —France Press.

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Questions In House

Our Own Correspondent

London, May 15. The President of the Board of Trade was asked by Socialist MP Harry Hynd in the House of Commons today whether he would investigate "the extent to which Empire trade facilities appeared to be abused by the use of Hongkong for the export of cotton goods actually made in foreign countries."

Mr. Hynd also asked whether the President was aware that shirts marked "Empire made" were being sold in a multiple store in Accrington.

Replying to the question, Mr. A.R.W. Low, Minister of State at the Board of Trade said: "I am aware that woven shirts of Commonwealth origin are being sold in the United Kingdom. The possibility that foreign made goods might be entering the United Kingdom as goods of Commonwealth origin has been investigated, but there is no evidence that this has been happening. The last part of the question does not therefore arise."

ANNOYED

These shirts, said Mr. Hynd in an interview, were being sold at 7/- each. Local manufacturers, he said, were annoyed by what they claimed to be unfair competition.

Comparable shirts made in Britain would retail at approximately £1. Local manufacturers were convinced the shirts were Japanese made and had found their way into this country via Hongkong.

Mr. Hynd, who emphasised that he personally had no evidence to substantiate this claim.

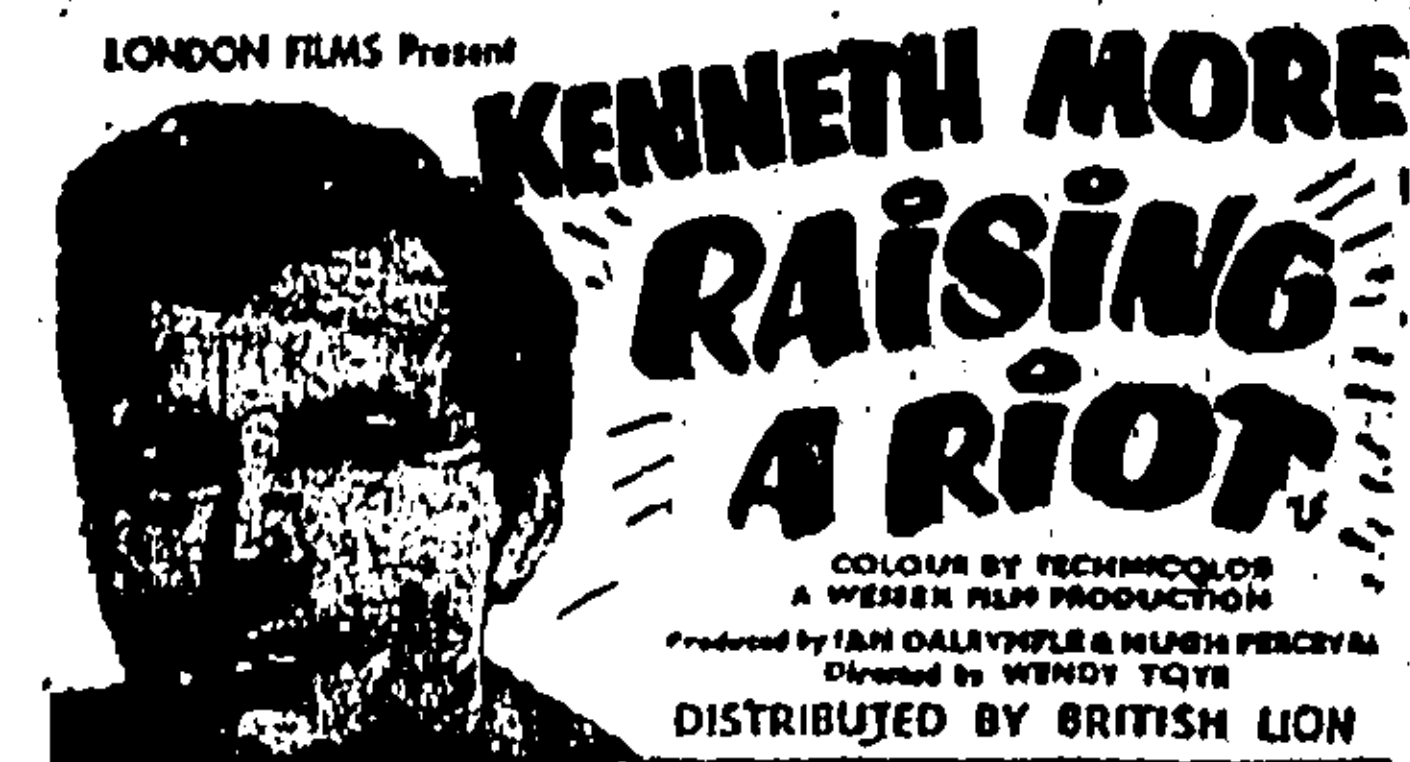
Mr. E.G.A. Grimwood of the Hongkong Government Office in London refuted the implication behind Mr. Hynd's question about "abuse of Empire trade facilities," and said he had written to him giving details of the Colony's textile industry.

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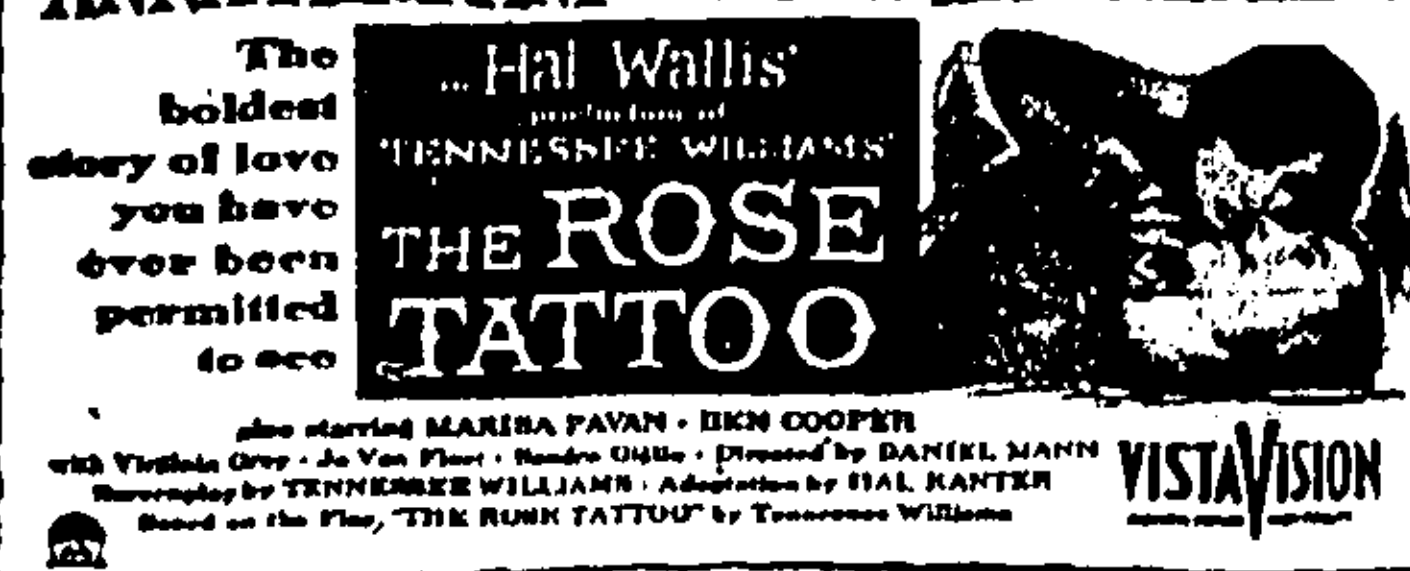
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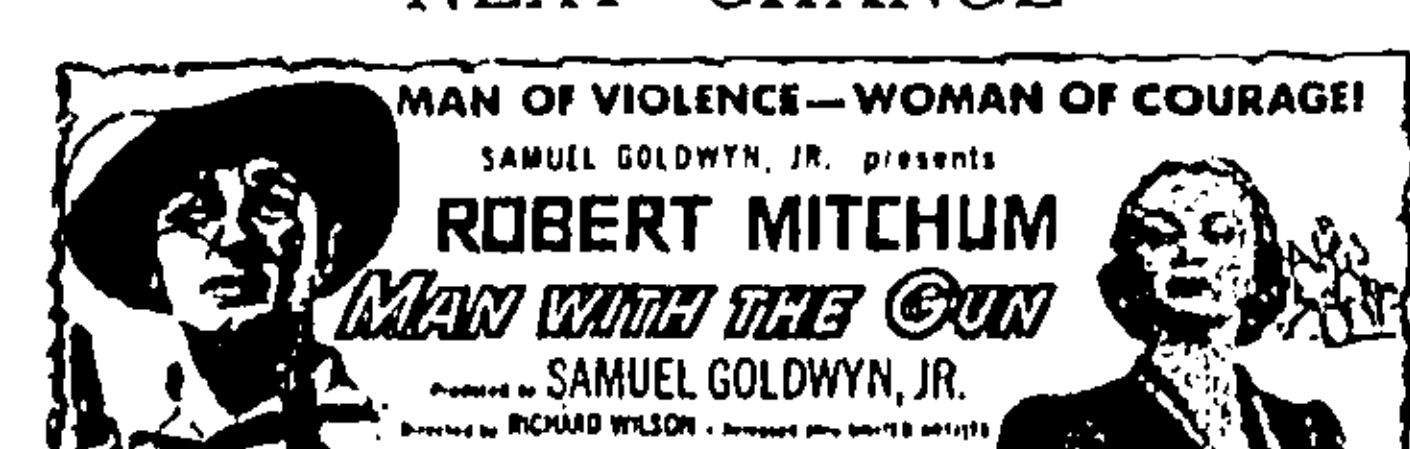
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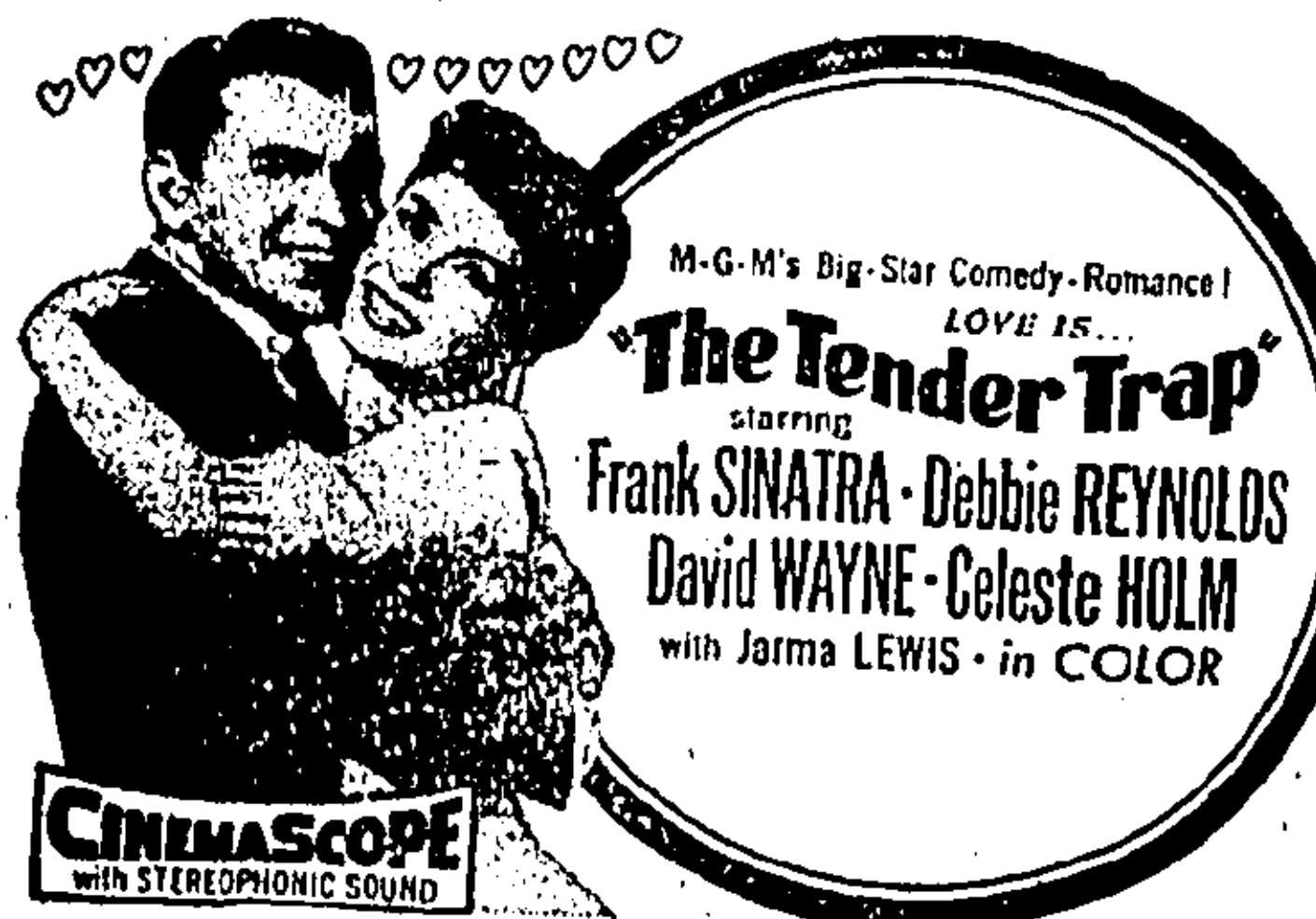
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FRENCH LEADERS TO DISCUSS NORTH AFRICA WITH RUSSIANS

Paris, May 15.

Informed French sources said today shortly after Premier Guy Mollet and Foreign Minister Christian Pineau's departure for Moscow that besides the disarmament, the French leaders would discuss with the Russians in Moscow the following issues:

1. North Africa. The French leaders will explain France's problems with the rebellion and seek at least Moscow's sympathy if not approval.

2. A UN embargo on arms shipment to the Middle East. The Soviets said in Britain they would favour one. But they want the embargo to take in the Baghdad Pact nations.

War Prisoners

3. M. Pineau's plan for a UN world economic development agency to funnel both American and Soviet aid to under-developed countries.

4. Liberation of Alsace and Lorraine war prisoners from Soviet camps. The French believe there are still some who were pressed into the German Army.

5. Conclusion of economic and trade agreements. These are almost ready and may be the most solid things, M. Mollet brings back.

6. Increased cultural exchanges. French sources believe that also was a possibility.

Before M. Mollet and M. Pineau left Paris for Moscow today the Soviets pulled two red carpets from under the French leaders.

Algerian Crisis

Premier Nikolai Bulganin rejected a plan for parallel disarmament and German re-unification, and the official Tass news agency cut loose with a bitter blast at France's alliance with NATO.

The French Premier will stay in Moscow for four days and then will rush back to Paris because of the crisis in Algeria. M. Pineau, however, will have a five-day tour of Soviet towns after M. Mollet returns.

It was the first visit by the head of a French Government to Moscow since Gen. Charles de Gaulle went there in 1945 to sign the Franco-Soviet Treaty of Friendship which the Soviet renounced when France approved West German rearmament.

Sensitive Spot

Allied diplomats had full confidence in the loyalty of M. Mollet and M. Pineau to the NATO alliance, but the Soviet announcement of a cut in its armed forces threw a challenge to France which believed far more than the United States in the sincerity of the Soviets' post-Stalin smiles.

The disarmament is M. Mollet's sensitive spot.—United Press.

31 REBELS KILLED

Algiers, May 15.

Thirty-one Algerian rebels were killed today in a clash with French troops near the town of Taguine, in the mountainous country some 120 miles south-west of Algiers. Three French soldiers were wounded seriously in the skirmish.

The rebels, some 250 strong, were clad in military uniforms. It was the biggest band sighted so far in the Taguine area.—France-Press.

\$8,000 FUND FOR VCs

Vancouver, May 15.

Two Canadians who won the Victoria Cross in Italy will be helped on their trip to England by donations from their home town, New Westminster.

Sergeant E. A. Smith and Lieutenant-Colonel J. K. Mahony will attend the Victoria Cross centenary celebrations in London. Sergeant Smith, a recruiting sergeant, will go by sea. Colonel Mahony, Canadian Army liaison officer in Washington, plans to fly.

Sergeant Smith was the only Canadian private to win the VC in the second world war, while with the Seaforth Highlanders. Colonel Mahony was a lieutenant when he won the award.

New Westminster citizens have subscribed 25,000 dollars (about \$8,000) to a fund for the two men. It will pay them 100 dollars (£233) a month each for life after the age of 50.—China Mail Special.

NEW STYLE CAR PARK



A Mechanical Handling Exhibition and Convention opened last Wednesday in the Earl's Court district. Picture top shows pretty Miss Fay Edwards studying a car-stacking system. The "park" is erected in three tiers and the cars are lifted to the appropriate position with the aid of a specially designed fork lift truck. Picture bottom shows former British Overseas Airways Corporation chief Sir Miles Thomas, right, learning about a "speedwalk" system from Mr Clifford Wade, sales manager of an American company. The "speedwalk" is a system of conveyor belts on which the passer-by steps in the subway and is carried along to avoid bottlenecks.—Express Photo.

Japan Has Vital Role In Asia

New York, May 15.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr Masayuki Tani, said tonight that Japan had a vital role to play in the technical assistance and economic development efforts of the United States and other Western countries in "free Asia."

He told a dinner of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce here: "Building up Japan industrially means the building up of a base for economic development and co-operation in the underdeveloped areas of free Asia."

"For Japan is a sort of transformer which would speed down the high voltage technological developments of the West and thus adapt them to the needs and resources of her less-advanced neighbours."

Inherent Goodwill

Mr Tani renewed complaints of United States discrimination against Japanese goods. "Occurring in a country which is Japan's staunchest and trusted friend such moves are particularly painful," he said.

It was Japan's policy "to put our faith in the inherent goodwill and fairness of the American people and Government" and he pledged his country would maintain voluntary restraint to keep commercial harmony.

He also said: "Japan would like to go more and more into heavy industry exports because they have higher rates of exchange earning than light industry exports."

But this took capital which was scarce in Japan. "Here is a challenging opportunity to which you, the businessmen of America and Japan, may well give your earnest thinking," he declared.—Reuter.

Malaya's anti-Communist emergency into a "People's War" in the Legislative Council tomorrow, authoritative sources said today.

Malaya's highest administrative body made no announcement tonight after a day-long meeting at which new moves to end the emergency are believed to have been discussed.

It is understood that among the decisions to be announced by the Tengku tomorrow will be:

- An exhortation to the Malayan people to give more information and support to security forces.
- An increase in the strength of the constabulary and home guard units.
- Stricter food controls including the enforcement of communal cooking in villages to prevent food from being taken to the Communists.—Reuter.

Athens, May 15. Chariklia Samiotou, aged 32, bit off the left ear of 18-year-old shepherd P. Petros at Vaidi village, Mitylene, because he would not respond to her advances.—China Mail Special.

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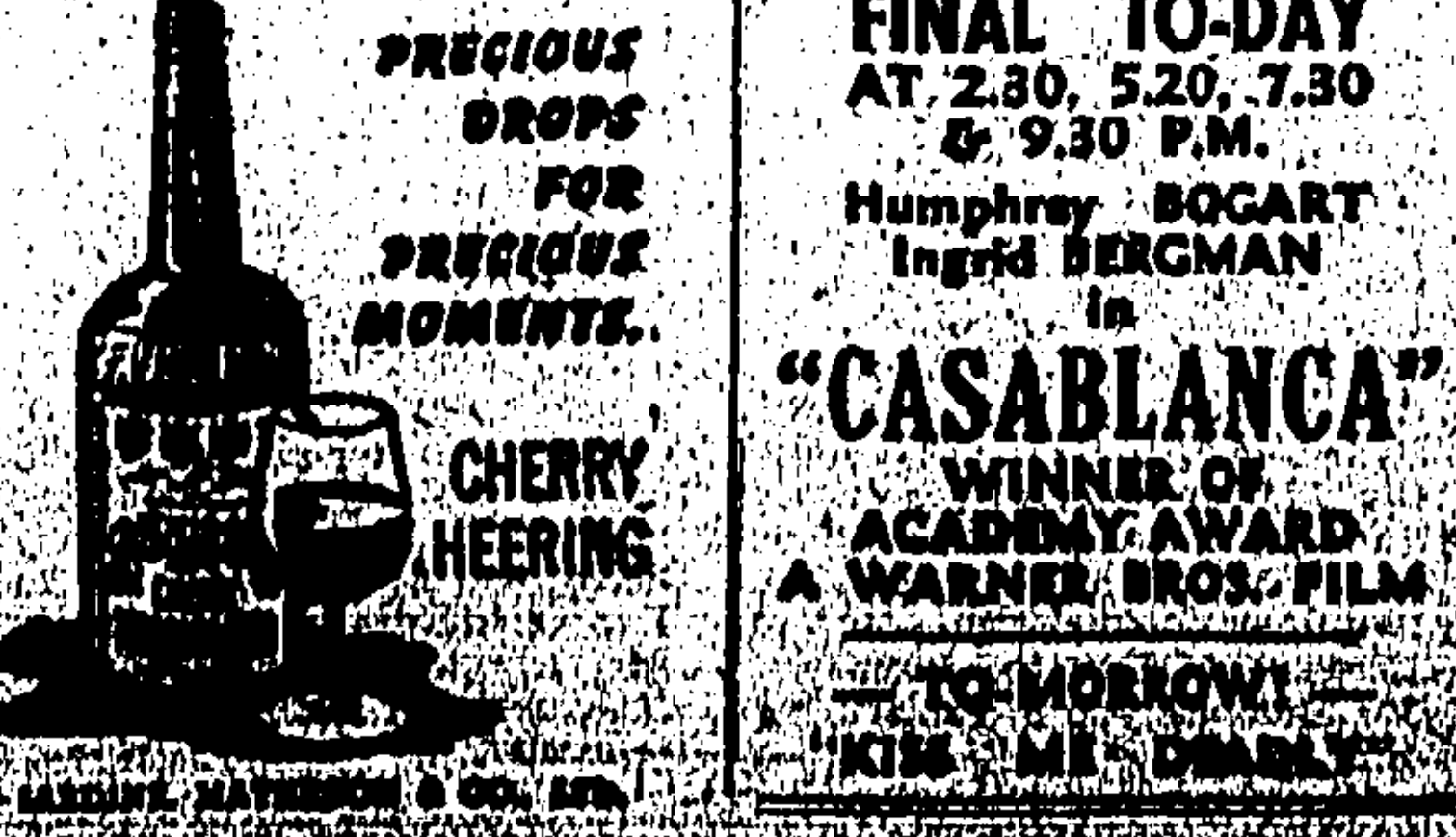
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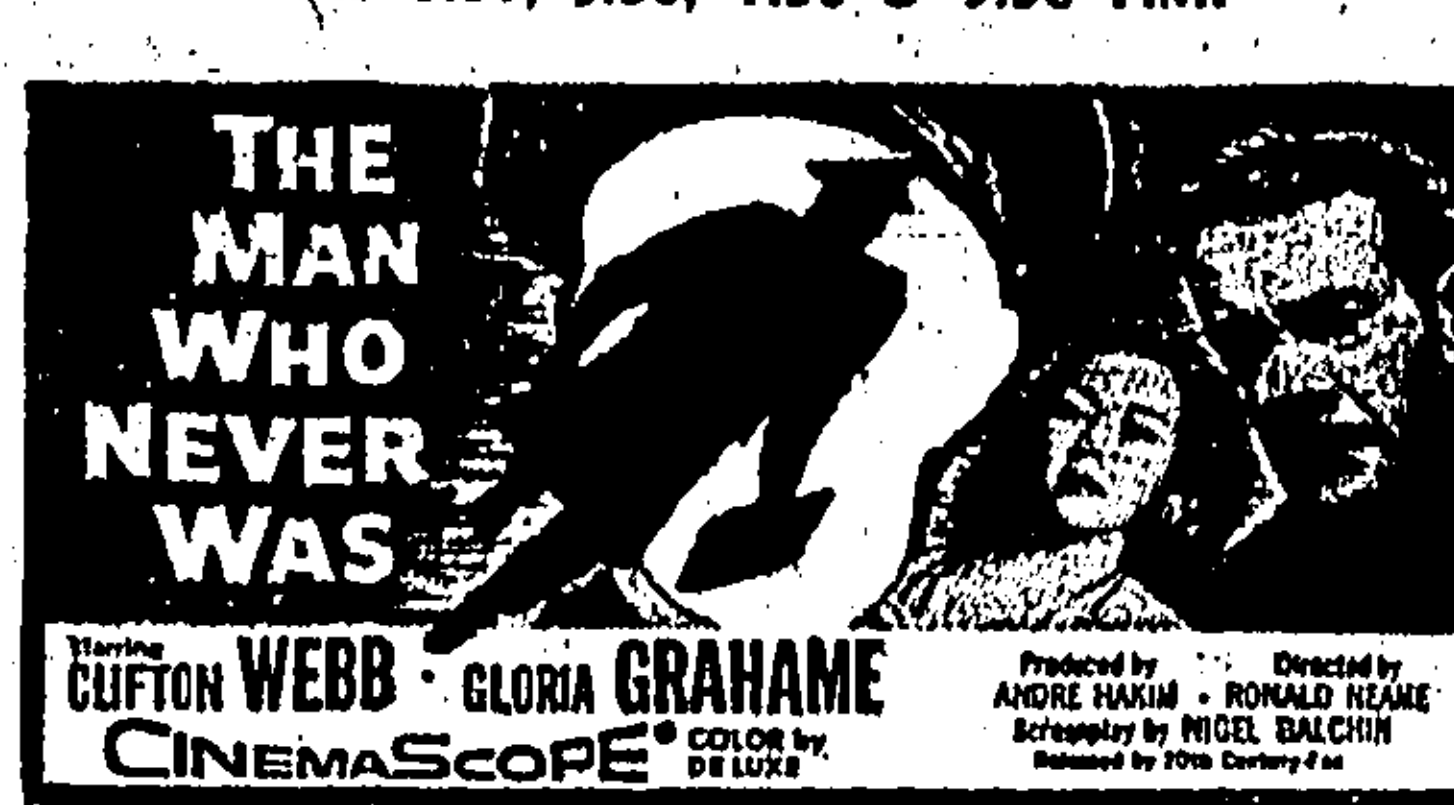
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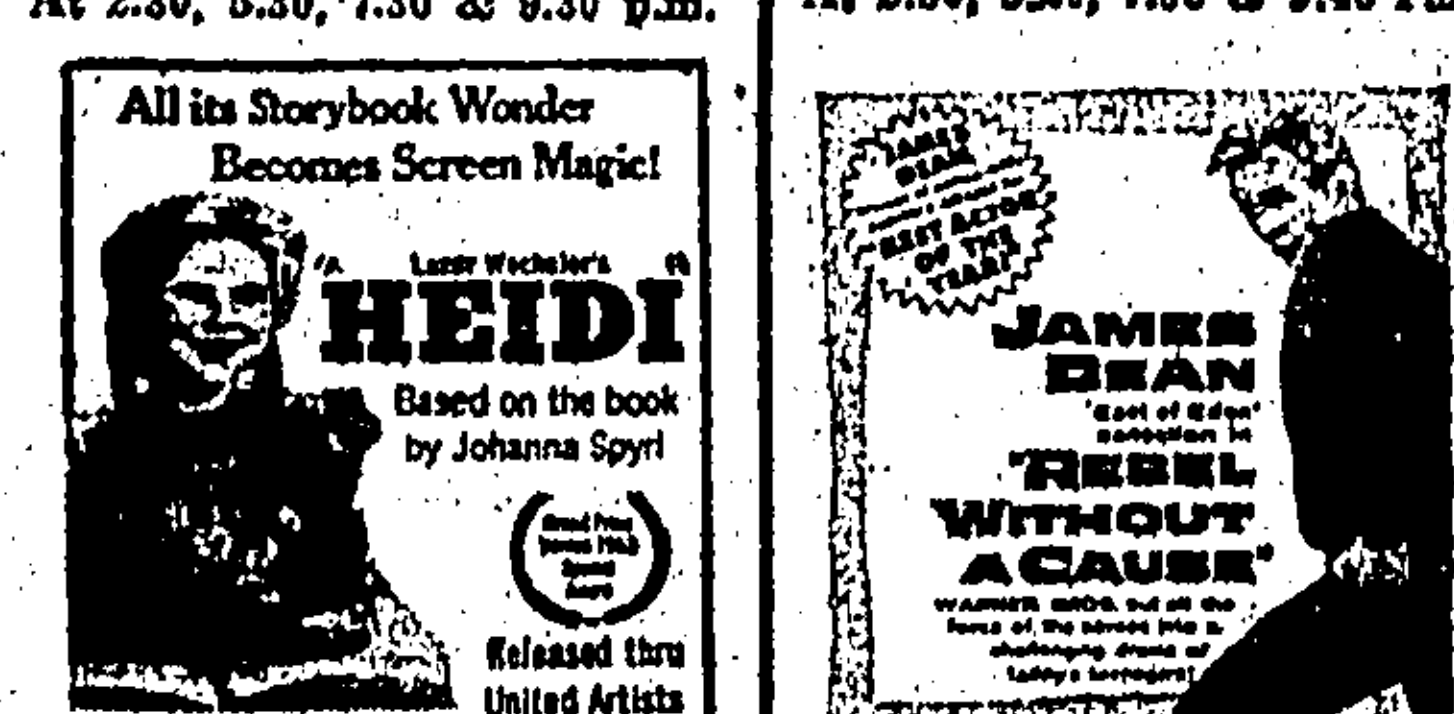
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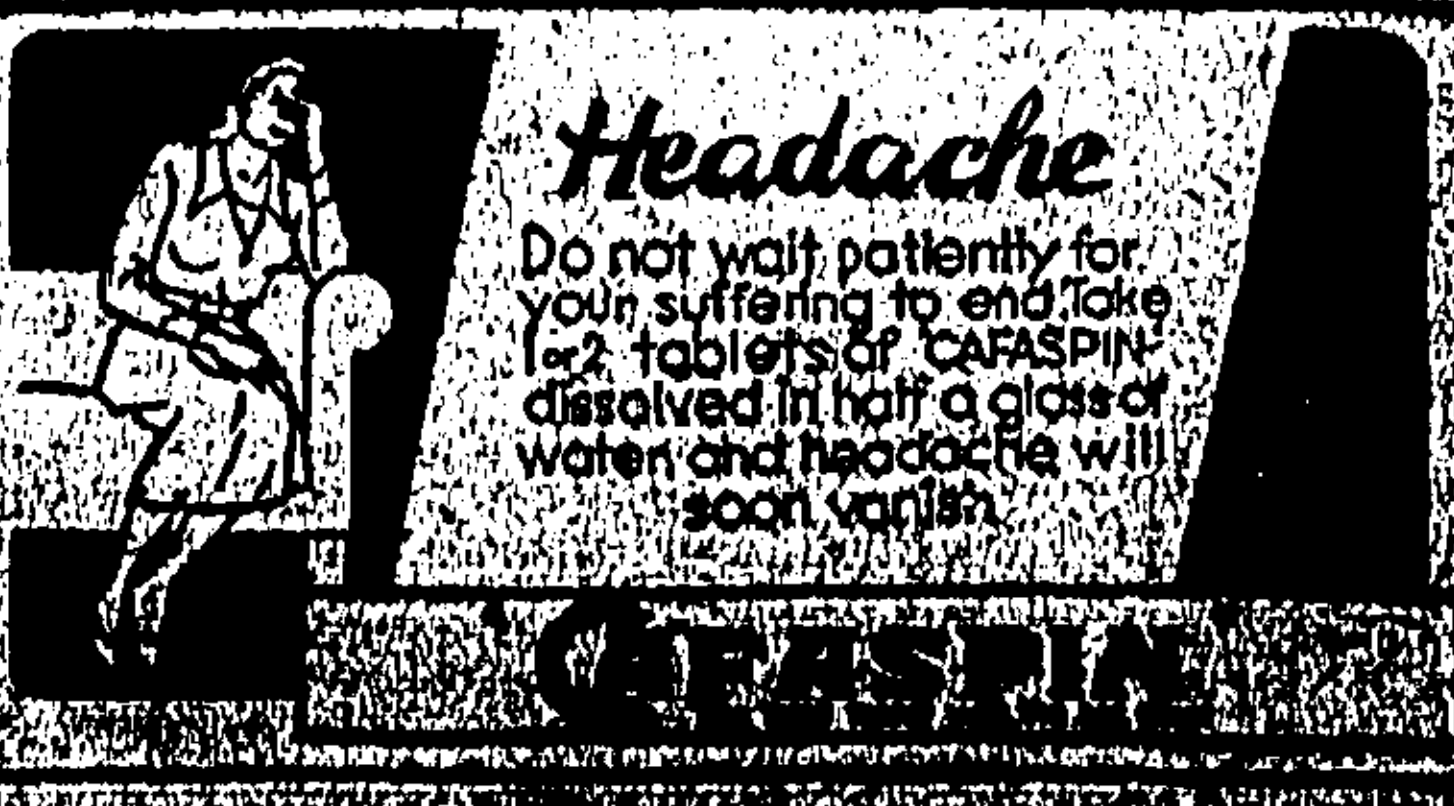
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ISSUE OF WAR AND PEACE

Neglect Of Individual's Rights Could Decide Says Hammarskjold

Washington, May 15.

UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold warned today that neglect of the rights of individuals "may decide the issue of war and peace."

Mr Hammarskjold who returned last week from his Palestine peace mission for the UN Security Council, said the demands of the Arabs and Israelis for "freedom from fear" could be said to "sum up the whole philosophy of human rights."

He spoke at Colonial Williamsburg at a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which preceded the Bill of Rights in the US Constitution. The celebration was attended by a galaxy of dignitaries and diplomats, including Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin.

Mr Hammarskjold traced the development of expositions of rights of the individual from the Virginia Bill of Rights, adopted in 1776 to the UN Declaration of Human Rights, approved in 1948, and told the assemblage:

Freedom From Fear

"Some days ago, I returned from my assignment in the Middle East. I had to negotiate questions connected with the implementation of the armistice agreements between Israel and her Arab neighbours."

"In their first articles, those armistice agreements establish the right of each party to its security and freedom from fear of attack."

In a political context of the utmost significance, this clause recognises a human right which, in a broad sense, may be said to sum up the whole philosophy of human rights."

"What is the right to security? Is it not the right to the free development of individual and national life within the limits set by the rights of other parties to the same security? What is the right to freedom from attack? Is it not the right to freedom from fear?"

Sheer Weariness

"Thus, we see how close the links are between the philosophy reflected in the recognition of the rights of individuals and the basic principles which may decide the issue of war and peace."

Mr Hammarskjold said that the individual, motivated by fear, may act against his own best interest.

"We know how, when people are afraid, they may act severely

against their own fundamental will," he said. "We have seen how, when influenced by such actions, the course of events may take on aspects of inexorable fatality up to the point where, out of their weariness, no resistance to the gravitation into open conflict any longer seems possible."

Positive Action

"Why is war and fear of war in the headlines of every daily paper, if not because man fears man, and nation fears nation? Could there be any more eloquent sign of how far we are from recognition of the philosophy behind the principles of human rights on which alone peace can be built? Can there be a greater challenge for us to work for such a recognition of the dignity of man as would eliminate the fear which is eating our world like a cancer?"

"If, at long last, the recognition of human dignity means to give others freedom from fear, then that recognition cannot be simply a question of passive acceptance. It is a question of the positive action that must be taken to kill fear."

"This is not a question of abstract ethical principles. I state conclusions come from very concrete recent experiences. It is when we all play safe that we create a world of the utmost security."

Mr Hammarskjold contrasted the present with 18th century colonial days when, he pointed out, an individual had ways in which he might influence events if he were dissatisfied.

"Modern man," he said, "seldom acts alone. He is integrated into a series of collectivities which together form our society... over and above these various collectivities, the individual meets the state, which by their general framework, and beyond the state there is the international community with its necessarily ever-widening influence."

Human Dignity

"...we, children of the 20th century, have to keep alive the application of the old ideas based on the recognition of the dignity of the human being which found a first constitutional expression in the Virginia Declaration of Rights."—United Press.

Shah's State Visit To Turkey

Ankara, May 15.
Iran's Shah and Queen Soraya arrived here today for an official 15-day visit.

President Bayar and his wife, National Assembly President Korkut, Premier Adnan Menderes and Cabinet members and armed forces leaders welcomed the Shah and his queen at Esenboga airport.

The National anthem was played and a regiment of honour guards saluted. All the way from airport to Ankara Guest House—30 miles—was decorated with ceremonial arches, flags and flowers with military guards in full dress lining the road.

Nearly 50,000 people and students cheered along the way.

BIGGEST RECEPTION

This was the biggest reception ever given a statesman visiting Turkey. During their 15-day visit the Shah and the Queen will visit Istanbul, Izmir, Zonguldak, Karsabaz, in addition to Ankara.

According to Ankara political circles the Shah and Turkish statesmen may discuss economic problems of the two countries and trade relations which will include transport, roads, in Turkey for British investment and other matters.



Hongkong is not the only place with a water problem as this picture of the giant Yarrow Reservoir in the North of England shows. Capable of holding 750,000,000 gallons of drinking water, the reservoir is almost empty, and water in the chain of reservoirs in the district is so low that the situation presents a threat to the busy industrial areas.—Reuterphoto.

WASHINGTON PREPARES FOR SOEKARNO

Washington, May 15.

American officials today were putting the final touches on their plans for a colourful ceremony to receive President Soekarno, of Indonesia, who is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow just before noon for a state visit.

Military contingents, top federal and local officials and thousands of citizens will participate in the pageantry which will be climaxed when President Eisenhower greets Dr Soekarno on the front steps of the White House.

Dr Soekarno and his official party are due at the military airport aboard the Columbine. President Eisenhower's personal plane which was sent to Honolulu to fetch the Indonesian leader.

Meet Nixon

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, who two years ago toured Indonesia as a guest of Dr Soekarno, will head the welcoming delegation at the airport. A number of other American civilian and military officials and members of the diplomatic missions here also will be on hand.

After Dr Soekarno and Mr Nixon have inspected a guard of honour composed of elements from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, the two will enter the leading car of a motorcade which will bring them to the District Building, headquarters of the City Government of Washington which is headed by three commissioners.

At the District Building, Dr Soekarno will be welcomed by the Commissioners and presented the traditional "Key to the City."

The motorcade will then proceed to the White House where Mr Eisenhower will greet Dr Soekarno on the front steps.

Mr Eisenhower will entertain at a state luncheon in honour of the visitor.

Official Talks

This will be the first of a series of social, ceremonial and diplomatic occasions which will fill most of Dr Soekarno's time before he leaves on Saturday to begin an 11-day tour of the US which will take him to the West coast and back again.

He also is expected to have official talks with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other authorities concerning matters of international interest to both countries.—United Press.

Jap Envoy To Return

Bonn, May 15.

The Japanese Ambassador in Germany, Mr Shunichi Kato, who has been in hospital for about three weeks, will return to Japan for an indefinite leave at the end of this month to recover, Embassy officials said here today.

Mr Kato had undergone a serious operation, they said. The 10-year-old diplomat arrived in Bonn in December 1955 on leave from Ambassador in Germany after World War Two.

North Of England Also Has Water Problem

Chinese Tackle Ancient Peking Problem

Peking, May 15.

Every Sunday about 30,000 Chinese spend part of the day working on the new canals, which are being dug to solve Peking's ancient problem of water supply and drainage.

On bicycles, in buses and crammed into open lorries these volunteers, mostly young people from schools and universities, pour out of the capital for a day to mix work with play.

With them, they bring footballs and volleyballs, cards and books, musical instruments and cameras, for they have half an hour's rest for every four-hour shift, work in their four-hour shifts.

Return To Work

Some of this "rest" is very energetic, too, with football matches, and hilarious folk dancing. Others take a quieter rest, eating, dozing or playing the ancient game of "paper, scissors, stone."

When their half hour of rest is ended and they return to work, the big, strong girls endeavour to outdo their boy friends in digging or carrying great baskets of earth.

In four places, these volunteers are at work on Sundays, and other days as well, for not all factories close on Sunday, digging their sections of the canals whose completion is forecast for July—month ahead of schedule.

As thousands of workers burrow into the earth, it is symbolic of the new China, in a hurry to complete the development programme but, because of lack of equipment and skilled labour, having to rely on her huge manpower resources as she has done for centuries.

One Disadvantage

Others go further afield, planting trees in the big reforestation programme which aims at building a "Great Wall of China" to conserve the soil, now dangerously threatened by erosion.

But for most of the population Sunday in Peking is much the same as anywhere else in the world with people resting, visiting relatives or seeking enjoyment and relaxation in the parks or at the zoo.

Living in Peking has one disadvantage for pleasure seekers who want to enjoy themselves in the open air—there are so many people about every day, and ten times as many on Sundays that solitude is almost impossible, queues for transport, exhibitions and boating in the lakes are frightening, and the noise is deafening.

A Background

But these drawbacks hardly count. For Peking might well be considered the world's most beautiful playground, with the choice of walks or picnics in the grounds of the Forbidden City, in many parks, at the Temple of Heaven.

With these monuments to old China as a background, new China takes its pleasure—and takes it very lightly indeed. Children are everywhere. It is estimated that China's huge

population is increasing at the rate of between 10 and 20 million a year. Some are with their families, others are in school or creche groups or in parties of "young pioneers" wearing red neckerchiefs and trooping round behind a banner often carried by a very determined-looking girl.

Liberation

Apart from these and maps in some of the parks showing Formosa and calling for its liberation, the atmosphere is as free from politics as a day on Hampstead Heath or at Coney Island.—Reuter.

MUD-BATH FUED RESOLVED

Bonn, May 25.

A "mud-fued" between the United States Air Force and the town of Landstuhl near Kaiserslautern, has had a happy ending. The town's mudbath can have its mud and the Air Force can have its security.

A famous healing mudbath at Landstuhl has for a long time dug its mud from the only site in Germany which provides Fango-mud, used to treat rheumatism, sciatica and nervous disorders.

DANGER ZONE

When the United States Air Force built its Landstuhl Air Base near the town, the site was inside the Base, but for three years special permission was granted to dig the mud daily.

After the construction of a new runway, the mudbath lay in the danger zone. Permission to dig it was withdrawn. Eventually Air Force officers reviewed the situation and decided that digging could be allowed on two Saturdays a month.

To make up for the shorter time at the dig, the Air Force have lent them a mechanical dredger. Now the mudbath receives just as much mud as it did before and both sides are satisfied.—China Mail Special.

OREN BACK IN ISRAEL

Tel Aviv, May 15.

Mordechai Oren, leader of the Israeli left-wing Socialist Party, Mapam, arrived in Israel today after being imprisoned in Prague for more than four years.

He was to report to Mr Moshe Sharet, Israel's Foreign Minister, later today on his case. He was sentenced by the Czech authorities four years ago as an alleged "Zionist spy and a traitor" in connection with the case against Rudolf Slansky, former Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, who was executed in 1952.

Addressing a large group of party friends at Lydda airport, Oren said: "I was maltreated before the case came to court. I was forced by inhuman methods to confess things which were not true."

Oren also stated that many Zionist prisoners "not Israelis" were still in Prague prisons.—France-Press.

SAAR TALKS PROGRESS

Paris, May 15.

Progress has been made in the Franco-German talks on the Saar, the West German Minister of State, Herr Walter Hallstein, said tonight after meeting with the French Secretary for Foreign Affairs, M. Maurice Faure.

Herr Hallstein stated, however, that "nothing is settled" yet, and that the talks are still in the preliminary stage. He said that the talks were "very serious" and that the French and German sides were "very close" in their discussions.

Report On Students' Conference

Singapore, May 15.

Security police have submitted a special report to the acting Chief Minister, Mr Chow Siew Kee, on the Bandung students' conference, scheduled for late this month, the Straits Times reported today.

Contents of the report were secret. Malaysian students' leader, Mr Mahmood Merican, called on the acting Chief Minister later and assured him that although Singapore and Malaysian students still planned to attend the conference, they would withdraw if "spottish" were shown.—Reuter.

Bird Changes Its Song

Toronto, May 15.

A meadow lark, which sings like a cardinal, is drawing bird-watching to nearby Port Credit. The experts, who say that a meadow lark's song is entirely unlike that of a cardinal, have only one explanation: the meadow lark has been lost to the family of its own song and has been taken over by a cardinal.

Apparently he had been living in the family of his own song, but had been taken over by a cardinal. The bird was found in a meadow near Port Credit, Ontario.—Reuter.

Postal Buying With Homemade Money

Capetown, May 15.

Fake banknotes ranging in value from £1 to £100 drawn on ordinary paper in pencil and ink and coloured with crayon have been received from an address in Rustenburg, by several Capetown firms.

The sender apparently believes that his "money" will buy goods.

A firm of sewing machine dealers received these hand-drawn notes in £1 and £5 denominations to a total value of £14 together with a letter asking for a sewing machine and material.

Another letter had similar notes for £10 and a request for men's trousers.

THIRD 'PAYMENT'

It is the third "payment" this firm has received. Two months ago a letter came with two £100 notes and an "order" for a sewing machine and material.

The "money" was returned to the sender, who replied indignantly: "Dear Sir, I am yours faithfully. The policeman asks why you send my money back. This money is not made by me. It is policeman's money. In two months, I will send more for that sewing machine."

Earlier last week a Capetown motor firm received a letter with four £100 notes asking for a car to be sent by rail.

The matter has been reported to the police who believe both lots of "money" were sent by the same person.—China Mail Special.

NEHRU SUBMITS REPORT ON SECOND 5-YEAR PLAN

New Delhi, May 15.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru presented in Parliament today a report on India's second five-year plan, which was signed by a planning commission on Monday.

Commending the plan for consideration, Mr Nehru said it was not a "rigid" plan.

"Stress was laid on flexibility and we propose to consider it from time to time," he said. The plan, calling for an outlay of about \$2,400 million in public funds and an investment of that amount privately until 1961, aims at securing a 25 per cent increase in the national income and rapid industrialization and expanded employment.

Admitted Difficulty

"It seeks to rebuild rural India to lay the foundations of industrial progress and secure to the greatest extent possible opportunities for the weaker and underprivileged sections of our people and for balanced development of all parts of the country," Mr Nehru said.

The Prime Minister admitted the difficulty of the task, but said that "even if we fail, we shall have done a great deal for the country."

The 10-year-old diplomat arrived in New Delhi in December 1955 on leave from Ambassador in Germany after World War Two.

BURGLAR LIVED ON THE JOB

Durban, May 15.

A thief, who took up residence in the rafters of a cafe and out-fitters store in the main shopping centre of Durban North by removing a few tiles from the roof, has made off with about £400 worth of goods.

At night when all were asleep he crept down and helped himself to food and whatever took his fancy.

The thief consisted of about £200 worth of cigarettes and groceries from the cafe and nearly £200 worth of clothing from the adjoining store.

Apparently he had been living in the family of his own song and had been taken over by a cardinal. The bird was found in a meadow near Port Credit, Ontario.—Reuter.

SHARK BITES BOAT

Capetown, May 15.
Five teeth of a 15-foot shark were left embedded in the boat of Mr Goodwell, of Mossel Bay, after the shark had bitten it. The teeth were later extracted with a pair of pliers. The shark had earlier been hooked by Mr Piet Claassen, one of the four occupants of the boat. When the shark attacked the boat, the line snapped and it swam away. Mr Goodwell said later that this was the second time his boat had been charged by a shark. On the first occasion, teeth marks were left on the rudder.—China Mail Special.

PUBLIC HANGING IN TUNIS

Tunis, May 15.

A terrorist nicknamed "The Throat-slitter" will be hanged publicly tomorrow in a market place about 80 miles West of here, Tunisian authorities announced today.

When the trapdoor is sprung beneath Tahar Farias el Boukhari tomorrow at 10 a.m. it will be the first public hanging in Tunisia since the French occupied the country in the late 19th Century.

Boukhari was sentenced to death last Wednesday by the High Court of newly-independent Tunisia for butchering a pro-French Moslem notary last February 27.

EXECUTIONER

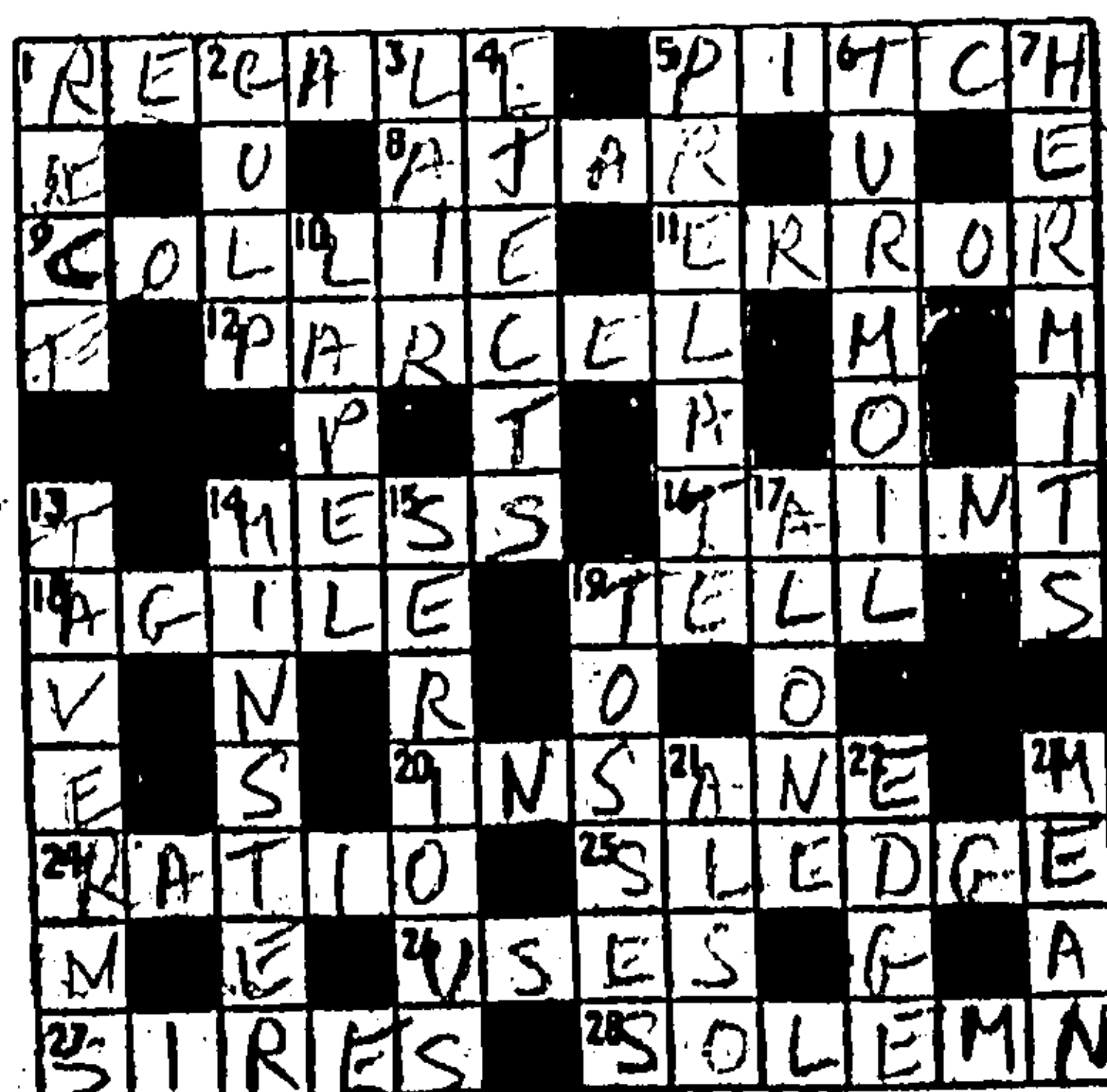
Boukhari was acting as the "executioner" for a rebel force which sentenced the notary to death as an informer.

The sentence of death against Boukhari was the first judgment of the High Court, from which there is no appeal. A second outlaw was condemned few minutes later.

Observers said the sentence served as a warning to Tunisia's still-active outlaws and as a demonstration to the world that Tunisia—which won its independence less than two months ago—is a responsible state.—United Press.

London, May 15.
M. Josef Cyrankiewicz, Polish Prime Minister, has accepted an official invitation to visit France, the Polish news agency Pab reported today. The agency added that the date of the visit would be fixed later.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Entertain sumptuously. (6).
 - Crick field. (5).
 - Half open. (4).
 - Dog. (6).
 - Mistake. (6).
 - Package. (9).
 - Disorder. (4).
 - Blemish. (6).
 - Spry. (6).
 - Relate. (6).
 - Mad. (6).
 - Proportion. (6).
 - Snow carriage. (6).
 - Employs. (4).
 - Ancestors. (6).
 - Sober. (6).
- DOWN**
- Torment. (4).
 - Swallow. (4).
 - Den. (4).
 - Puts out. (6).
 - Cleric. (7).
 - Upstart. (7).
 - Recluses. (7).
 - Tug. (6).
 - Inns. (7).
 - Church. (7).
 - Grave. (7).
 - Solitary. (6).
 - Throws up. (6).
 - Bedside. (4).
 - Border. (4).
 - Average. (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Tact, 4. Probe, 8. Elated, 10. Error, 12. Murder, 14. Shivers, 17. Less, 19. Assent, 20. Segment, 22. Tare, 23. Coasters, 27. Inhere, 29. Piety, 30. Ephure, 31. Mount, 32. Slave, 33. News, 34. Tress, 35. Chain, 36. Theme, 37. Racer, 38. Barron, 39. Sinner, 40. Duration, 41. Zebra, 42. Rustore, 43. Laze, 44. Camper, 45. Loin, 46. Slope, 47. Gilder, 48. Bends, 49. Shady, 50. Sober, 51. Ruler.

Nathaniel Gubbins

AFTER reading that English weather was much the same hundreds of years ago as it is now, here is ye olde Natt Gubbins writing of ye olde Englyshe springe and summer.

Stowly cometh Englyshe summer,
Quickly doth it goe;
Wilde ye windes of March
and April,
In merrie May ye snowe;
Round and round ye frozen
Maypole
Dance with roses blue,
Jolly Jack with Jill a-sneering
A-tish-oo.

Brightly cometh Englyshe
blowson,
Quickly doth it fade,
Larger last ye sighs of
lovers,
Comely youth and maid
Lead ye summer birds a-
singling
Cuck, cuck-oo
But ye birds are all a-sneering
A-tish-oo.

Briefly lasts ye summer
madness,
Briefly is it seen,
Lord and vassal dance ye
measure
On ye village green
But all ye sweet comes ye
bit-ard,
Blow, blow, blow
Lord and vassal both a-
sneering
A-tish-oo.

Good-bye, sweethearts

It was a Russian who once told me that his countrymen are like spoiled children, happy and smiling when they get their own way and cross and grumpy when they don't. So it must be this engaging quality that turned the funny, laughing, uncles into crosspatch uncles, thumping tables with fat fists and refusing to shake hands with Mr. George Brown because he asked difficult questions.

If this had been realised before the visit a less rigorous programme might have been arranged.

We all know that children become difficult when they're

overtired. Any mother would have recognised the symptoms early in the tour and had the uncles tucked up in bed at 9 o'clock every night with a hot drink.

My life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, a mother herself, says if she had been in charge of the uncles instead of the Foreign Office things would have been different.

She says, as rich food is not good for little tums, she would have given them good, plain meals with nothing to eat after six but a biscuit and milk.

They would have been taken to the zoo instead of that hairy place of Harwell and talked to children of their own age instead of meeting politicians.

Then, after lunch, an hour's play with plenty of toys and games followed by a tea party with jellies and chocky munge if they had been good and eaten their rice puddings.

At bedtime the P.L.W. would have read aloud to them from jolly books like "Winnie the Pooh," "When We Were Seven" and "The Three Bears," but when I asked her if she would have kissed the uncles good-night she said: "Only if it would improve Anglo-Russian relations."

How's that, Grumps?

GRUMPY Uncle Krushchev said he found it easier to get on with the Conservative Party than with the Socialists. If he had met the Conservative Party 100 years ago he would have found it even easier. Like the Communists, they also despised the working classes.

Man in a pub

"BETWEEN me and you and the gate post," said the Man in a pub, "I had a feeling I'd meet you again some day. And here we are just like old times. I expect you remember my daughter, Marge?"

I said: "Is that the one who can't eat eggs?"

"No," said the Man, "it's my other daughter, Vi, who can't eat eggs and Marge who can't eat fish. One spoonful of egg and Vi is rolling about with knives in her stomach and one mouthful of fish and Marge comes out in a rash as scarlet as a letter box."

"Of course I have a little granddaughter now as Marge was married in 1948. Or was it 1949?"

I said I had no idea.

"No," said the Man, "I'm a liar. It was 1950 because that was the year she wife dropped a kettle and scalded her foot. And that's a funny thing about the wife. A wonderful house-keeper but when it comes to handling things a proper butter-fingers."

"In that way she reminds me of my cousin Emily who married a man who kept a china shop. Being a butter-fingers like the wife she broke more crockery than he could sell, so he had to go in for iron-mongery."

I asked: "Is Vi married?"

"No," said the Man, "Vi's still waiting for Mr. Right to come along, though when she was younger the fellers were round her like bees round a honey pot. But she always kept them at arm's length, because with Vi it was so far and no farther."

"I remember she once said to me, 'Dad,' she said, 'I don't mind a bit of fun with a feller but when it comes to sleeping over the mark, I'm an iceberg.'"

"Of course, she lost her last chance when she slapped a widower across the chops in a cab on the Saturday the grand-kiddle was born. Or was it a Sunday?"

I pleaded ignorance.

"No," said the Man, "I'm a liar. It was on the Monday because I remembered the old rhyme, 'Monday's child is fair of face,' and you couldn't have seen anything much fairer than the grand-kiddle. When she was only an hour old her hair was as gold as gold and her eyes as blue as blue."

I said: "You couldn't have anything much bluer than blue."

"And clever!" said the Man. "Between me and you and the gate post the grand-kiddle's going to be a genius. Already she knows more than her teacher. And can you guess what she said to me when she was six months old?"

"Goo, goo, goo?" I suggested. "No," said the Man, "Da, da, da. Or was it goo, goo, goo when she was six months and da, da, da when she was seven months?"

I said I wouldn't know and asked the Man what he would say. "For old time's sake I don't mind if I have a pint," said the Man.

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"The attraction about this outfit is that even if it doesn't soak up the tide, you've got a pair of water wings."



YOU CAN'T LOSE

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Bevan shook his finger at Krushchev Edith Summerskill shouted 'Sit down' And how did Bevan answer back?

YOU are about to read the first detailed report of all the crackling jibes, quips and superheated exchanges during

THAT DINNER

where Bulganin and Krushchev met the Socialists: the dinner which touched off a world-wide political explosion. The Blow-by-Blow Report yesterday set the lense and touchy scene in the Harcourt Room of the House of Commons. NOW the speeches begin: Krushchev rises in an already rumbling atmosphere

KRUSHCHEV, without a note in front of him, opened up with a homily on the massive strength of Soviet industry and went on to his peculiar brand of plain talk.

He had apparently been churning over his resentment at what he believed to be Britain's view of Russia's achievements and trustworthiness.

He may have been smarting at Mr. George Brown's cry: "What is it like to be the Big Boss?"

He perplexed his hearers by lecturing them on the recent history of Russia. He was bitterly critical of the Chamberlain Government and charged that Britain's aim had been to turn Germany against Russia.

It quickly became clear in the sentence-by-sentence translation that the man who led the onslaught on Stalin less than two months ago was now vigorously defending and justifying Stalin's pact with Hitler.

That did it.

'REPEAT THAT!'

GEORGE BROWN, M.P., called out: "May God forgive you." This is according to Sydney Jacobson, Political Editor of the Sunday Pictorial, who says that Mr. Brown was berating Krushchev for the Hitler-Stalin pact.

He says that Krushchev stopped in a tense silence and challenged Mr. Brown to repeat his remark, adding: "Don't be afraid."



RE-SPEAK BACK

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And then he went on to imply that because of Western policies Russia might well think of forming an alliance with Germany on the Stalin-Hitler lines.

THINKING ALOUD

IT seems that this was more an implication, perhaps wrongly construed, than a direct threat, but so it was generally understood.

That was the deepest shock of all. A voice shouted: "Don't try to bully us, Comrade Krushchev."

Mr. Bevan, at this stage nonchalantly leaning far back in his chair, said: "That's a dangerous line of argument, loud enough for it to be overheard."

Mr. Bevan made many such remarks. He and some friends argued later that he was not heckling. He was merely thinking aloud as he has been known to do many a time when sitting on the platform at a Socialist Party conference.

One version says that even when Mr. Bevan was saying "That's right" or "This is important," Krushchev would still put down his head and charge.

By now the interruptions were playing little part. Krushchev was convinced he was eating with enemies. He needed no further stimulus for this purpose.

He had barely slipped his wine. His total consumption that night was of liqueur glass.

The doors opened and a policeman appeared to shout: "The time has come for the session to begin."

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WARMER AND WARMER

IT KNOW, he said bluntly, "that you have better houses and villages and towns in Britain than we possess. I know there are some people in the West who would like us to do the same as you in that direction."

"They would like us to be like the little birds caught in the nets who have their heads chopped off by one."

Krushchev made a chopping gesture with his hand.

This, felt the Socialist leaders, was harsh talk to them who had helped to build the Welfare State in Britain.

Krushchev was also highly critical of Western ideas on disarmament control. He scorned control. By this time the heckling had become a barrage.

Krushchev got warmer and warmer and finished flushed and excited. He sat down at 11.13, having spoken for 59 minutes and delayed his departure by 49 minutes.

'DON'T TAKE OFFENCE'

BULGANIN, throughout the commotion, had sat quiet and apparently shrinking in his chair. Those who could tear their eyes and thoughts away from Krushchev to glance at Bulganin saw him sinking lower and lower, his chin on his chest, and his eyes darting uneasily across the faces of his hosts but never once looking towards Krushchev.

Mr. Gaitskell had toyed nervously with his lip. He was reporting his own speech, but he was not to be taken in by the appropriate gesture he had prepared in reply to Bulganin's gracious contribution.

And by now it was beginning to feel a little late. The night now was no time for questions at all.



"DON'T BULLY—YOU CAN'T BULLY ME!"

Mr. Gaitskell rose. He expounded the advantages of candour. He commented on Krushchev's points and emphasised particularly the importance which Britain and her allies placed on controls in any system of disarmament.

Then he referred to the cases of Social Democrats who had been imprisoned in Soviet Russia and in her satellite States.

He said that was one issue which the party felt it had to raise. He insisted it would be treacherous to their Social Democratic colleagues in other countries to allow this occasion to pass without mentioning the matter.

He said in a conciliatory tone that he hoped the Russian visitors would not take offence at his mentioning the matter, but the imprisoned Social Democrats were men and women comrades of British Socialists.



"MAY GOD FORGIVE YOU!"

He said they did not expect an answer at once but hoped that Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Krushchev would use their influence in this matter on the Communist Parties of satellite States.

Mr. Gaitskell put in a word for the Jewish minority in Russia.

Krushchev hardly waited until Mr. Gaitskell had finished before he was on his feet with a fat refusal to take any action. He declared there were no Social Democrats in

the Soviet Union; that it was no business of Russia's what happened in other countries; that any suggestion of Jewish suffering was stuff and nonsense.

How dare anyone imply that there was tyranny in Russia? All the people were behind the Government. He was angrier than ever.

A LIST? NOT FOR ME!

THEN, questions, from Mr. Bevan. From Mr. Sam Watson, the Durham miners' leader, who is chairman of the party's international sub-committee.

Mr. Watson had in his pocket a list of about 120 names of Social Democrats who are believed to be behind bars in Iron Curtain countries.

Krushchev refused to point blank to have anything to do with any list of names.

Both Mr. Bevan and Mr. Watson irritated. Mr. Krushchev. They wanted to know who Krushchev regarded as enemies of the State. How could they be defended? What was to stop Russia using its influence with satellite countries to release these prisoners?

Mr. Bevan now got the idea that Krushchev had not properly understood the point. Bevan stood up quietly to clarify the point, but Krushchev just would not listen to him. Bevan was not taking that treatment.

He was standing in front of his chair, a few yards from Krushchev on the opposite side of the table. He pushed his chair back and took a couple of steps towards Krushchev, flourishing his finger and saying: "Don't bully you, don't!"

Dr. Edith Summerskill thrilled to Mr. Bevan: "Sit down." Mr. Bevan turned to her: "There you go again, Edith, flinching in the face of the enemy."

He outshouted Krushchev, who had stood up, but at last sat down. And the incident finished with Bevan saying quickly: "You have your interpretation—you must allow us ours."

Mr. George Brown and Mr. Alfred Robens joined in the appeal for the prisoners: Krushchev several times jumped to his feet and shouted: "Niet, niet, niet—No, no, no."

Amid all the shouts of "Be quiet" and answering shouts of "Nonsense, why should we be quiet?" Mr. Edwin Gooch said not a word. The chairman of the occasion appeared to be overawed. And by now there was no retreat, anyway, from a night of calamity.

FAREWELLS... SHORT

IT was 10 minutes to midnight when the men at the top table pushed back their chairs. Farewells were as distinctive for their brevity as for their absence of cordiality. The handshakes were perfunctory.

But on the way out Mr. Krushchev went through the automatic process of autographing seven menus.

As the cavalcade with its motor-cycle escorts swept through the gates of Palace Yard, an uproar started back in the Harcourt Room on the treatment of the Men Who Came to Dinner.

True, Mr. Gaitskell and Mr. Alfred Robens, potential Foreign Secretaries, had been informally invited to Russia. And there had been one war smile in the later stages of the disaster.

Krushchev, with a few drops of brandy left in his glass, said: "Before I drink the remains of the brandy..." The head waiter hurried round to him with a bottle, but Krushchev said: "No, no. I meant the remains of the brandy in my glass, not the remains of the brandy in the room."

It was not good enough a joke to save the night. The inquest, reverberating across the world, was yet to come.

TOMORROW

After the uproar comes the inquest

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PROMOTER SOLOMONS AND MOORE



World Light-Heavyweight Champion Archie Moore of the USA, who defends his title against Trinidad's Yolande Pompey at Harringay on June 5, is greeted by promoter Jack Solomons following his arrival at London Airport on Monday.—Express Photo.

Melbourne Cricket Ground Most Renowned Of Sporting Ovals

Melbourne, May 15.

In sport-loving Australia, the Melbourne Cricket Ground is the largest and therefore the most renowned of sporting ovals. Renown has a lot to do with gate receipts and attendance figures. As the main venue for the 1956 Games, officials do not expect any change in the standard, for the opening day is already sold out.

Before workmen undertook the Olympic reconstruction work, the stadium frequently accommodated 80,000 fans for large sporting functions. The record attendance is 96,000 but that was before the Health Department stepped in and set a limit of 85,000.

Only one mile from downtown Melbourne, the MCG is the centre of rolling parklands which provide magnificent parking for hundreds of cars—an important point in car-conscious Australia.

Test Cricket matches, those traditional clashes between England and Australia, draw crowds of 80,000 a day during their five-day duration. Big football finals, a spectacular brand played only in the Southern States, annually witness the House Full sign.

The MCG proved the biggest Olympic stumbling block. The publicity which suggested that the construction lagged throughout the entire programme was directed chiefly at the MCG. The essential facet of the MCG trouble lay in the fact that the Olympic Organising Committee (OOC) had no control over the construction work on the huge stadium.

NOT AVAILABLE

Owned by the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) the stadium was originally not available for the Games.

The eight-foot fall over the five-acre arena meant considerable remedying was needed to line up with International Amateur Athletic Federation standards. It also meant the uprooting of the hallowed Test cricket pitches. The conservative MCC trustees refused to have this done.

But when the OOC proposed another site and went ahead

with plans, the MCC trustees woke to the possibility that their stadium would no longer be Melbourne's main sporting centre.

The MCC signed an agreement with the OOC to provide the extra accommodation, facilities and allow the OOC to do the regrading. The OOC agreed to facilitate a large loan to the MCC.

Strikes hampered work. The contractors found their estimates inaccurate. Wage increases forced curtailments. The work was originally to have cost £200,000, but this rose to £535,000 and then to the present figure of £650,000.

And the time dragged on. The OOC had no control. "It was the greatest mistake we ever made," said the chief executive officer, William Bridgeford. "We should have done the work ourselves."

But Melbourne woke up and, spurred by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) chief, Mr Avery Brundage, the lagging job took on national significance.

The stands shape gracefully, transforming the stadium into the pride of Melbourne. The new triple-decker means the entire oval is enclosed by first-rate accommodation. Facilities available beneath the stands include anything from a light snack to a three-course meal in comfortable dining rooms. And, of course, there are plenty of bars for the traditional Australian beer.

A QUICK JOB

Regarding the oval proved a quick job. It was under direct control of the OOC. It involved moving 18,000 tons of soil, during which time workmen laid the foundations for the cinder tracks and field events.

When the workmen pull out, leaving the completed job to the Olympic Organising Committee, the communications men move in.

The last job before the Games will be the laying of the cinder running surfaces. The cinder track will consist of a 400-metre circuit of seven lanes with a 100-metre straight of eight lanes, 9.75 metres wide. The English firm which laid the tracks for the 1948 Games at Wembley will take up this eleven-hour job just one month before opening day.

The most expensive tickets in the 1956 Games will be for ring-side seats in the boxing final.

While Europeans might consider the opening ceremony, track and field, swimming and the soccer final as the highlights of the Games, the Australian organisers have given little nod to boxing—its place at Wembley may be considered as the highlight of the programme of an event.

Ring-side tickets for boxing final have been priced at £25-1-0. The best tickets for athletics, swimming, and soccer are £10-1-0.

AMIALE ARCHIE SAYS "CALL ME A WELL-PRESERVED 39"

By JACK WOOD

World Light-Heavyweight Champion Archie Moore likes progressive jazz, fast cars, and ice-cream in that order. But from now until June 5 the ice-cream and fast cars are out.

On that day Moore defends his title against Yolande Pompey at Harringay. "Until that is over I'll just stick to the jazz," said Amiable Archie.

His statement brought nods of approval and broad smiles from manager Charley Johnston, trainer Cheerful Norman, sparring partner Tiger Bacon, and promoter Jack Solomons.

Moore arrived in London on May 7 with a tape recorder. He patted it proudly. "I like to record my good music I hear. My little old machine is going to work overtime."

We met first at London Airport. The big, friendly Negro the light word knows as "Amiable Archie" looked surprisingly youthful as he answered questions about his weight, his age, the past, and the future.

SCALES FIRST

"Are you really as old as they say?" I asked. A brown sugar voice from the South replied: "Call me a well-preserved 39."

And to prove it Moore, in a sober grey suit and white and blue shirt, produced a passport showing that he was born on December 13, 1916.

An unusual combination of a boxer who likes to do the talking, and does it well, Moore said he was confident of "winning my two fights in your wonderful country."

"First I must beat the scales," he explained. "Last week the nasty pointer said I was 191lb. That means I've got to get off 10lb. in four weeks to make the light-heavy limit."

"I'll make it all right," he went on. "I have a secret diet and you guys can do all the spying you like and you won't find out what I eat. I'm writing a book on dieting you know and you'll all have to get a copy."

I sat opposite Moore at lunch later. He had fruit juice, grilled halibut with lemon and a green salad and three glasses of ginger beer. "All this is just to fool you," he cracked as he buttered a second substantial looking bread roll.

THEN THE HEAT

Hent will play its part in the broiling down of Archie. "I like it good and hot in the gymnasium," he claimed. "It can't be too hot for me." Looking round the crowded smoky restaurant, he added: "This heat would suit me fine."

Later he went into conference with manager Johnston, Solomons, and holiday-camp king Billy Butlin. Mr Butlin hopes to be able to provide the gymnasium and the heat at one of his centres, probably his Ocean Hotel at Brighton.

Moore, teeth tipped with gold, talked with pride of a fighting past that began 20 years ago. "Had 148 bouts. Won 88 of them the quick way: lost 22. Have won my last eight after being beaten by Rocky Marciano last June. Marciano only hurt my pride. I'm in wonderful shape just now."

Since Marciano retired Archie has claimed the Heavyweight title of the world. "On the way back I am the logical Champion," he claimed. "There are lots of guys in the running, but I've either beaten them or beaten guys who have beaten them."

"This weight reducing is tough," he went on. "I said I would go through with the Pompey fight and I will. But it will be my last as a Light-Heavy and I shall retire as undefeated Champion of the world."

AND A REST

"Then I'll go back to the States and get things sorted out in the Heavyweight business."

"When you are as young as me you can afford to look forward to a bright future."

It was still mid-afternoon when Amiable Archie pulled across the curtains of his West End hotel bedroom and left instructions not to be disturbed until Tuesday, maybe Wednesday. Man, I could sleep for ever.

Having met him, I am sure he will be laughing and giggling his way around London today. A man who enjoys life as much as Archie Moore does not like to miss a day.

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FRENCH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DROBNY BEATS AUSTRALIA'S BOB HOWE

Paris, May 15. Jaroslav Drobný, Wimbledon Champion two years ago, won his first round match, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2, over Bob Howe, of Australia, as the French International Tennis Championships began today.

Other results included: Khair Said Han, of Pakistan, beat Marcel Schaff, of France, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Trevor Fancutt, of South Africa, beat Andreu Gimeno, of Spain, 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Gordon Forbes, of South Africa, beat Michael Lumsden, of France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-0.—United Press.

DAVIS CUP

Five Nil Win For Britain Against Yugoslavia

Belgrade, May 15. Britain won the two remaining Singles today to complete a 5-0 defeat of Yugoslavia here in the second round European Zone tie of the Davis Cup competition.

They will meet Chile, at Bristol, in the next round. Today Roger Becker (Britain) beat Ilija Panjelotovic 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 and Michael Davies (Britain) beat Ivko Pilecovic 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.—Reuter.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR LANDY SUGGESTED

Canberra, May 15. An Australian Senator today suggested a special Government award to John Landy, Australia's world mile record holder.

Labour Senator Donald Grant asked in the Senate whether the Government would consider an award to Landy "in view of the wonderful advertisement this man has given Australia" and to show appreciation of his prowess and fine sportsmanship.

Senator Neil O'Sullivan, Government Senator Leader, replied that he was sure all Senators supported Senator Grant's suggestion, but he was unable to say whether an appropriate award could be made.—Reuter.

DODGERS BUY SAL MAGLIE

Brooklyn, May 15. The Brooklyn Dodgers tonight purchased Pitcher Sal Maglie, who used to bat them regularly as a Giant, from the Cleveland Indians and sold relief Pitcher Jim Hughes to the Chicago Cubs.

Both were cast aside with the season's run-down but in each case the cash was believed to be in excess of \$50,000.—Reuter.

SHE WINS IN LONG TROUSERS



Western fashion decrees abbreviated tennis outfits, but Miss P. Sheikh of Pakistan remains faithful to her national tradition even on the court. . . . She wears long Eastern-style trousers as she plays in the Women's Singles of the open tournament at Shirley Park, Croydon, Surrey, on May 7. She defeated her opponent, Miss S. Pias, in two sets.—Reuterphoto.

COWDREY ACCOMPLISHES... Highest Score Of His Career—204 Not Out Against Cambridge U

London, May 15.

Colin Cowdrey, the England and Kent batsman, gave a grand display of correct stroke play in accomplishing the highest score of his career—204 not out—against Cambridge University today.

Cowdrey who could play in only a few County matches last season because of a foot injury was right back in form, hitting 25 fours in his stay of five and three-quarter hours. His previous best was 154 for Oxford University against Surrey at the Oval three years ago.

Cowdrey, Kent captain for this match, declared after reaching his first double century, leaving the University to get 188 to win in just under two hours. The Cambridge batsmen drove boldly and were within 15 of victory when the game was left drawn.

Yorkshire who had lost first innings points had to struggle to beat Northants and only five minutes of extra time remained when they succeeded. They had plenty of time with 155 minutes to score 123 but tight bowling restricted scoring chances.

Sporting declaration by Essex who left Leicestershire just over four and a half hours to score 335 was taken up by captain Charles Palmer. He reached 120 in 155 minutes before being beaten having hit fourteen fours. He also set the tempo for the rest of the team so that victory came with a few minutes to spare.

TEST PROBABLE

Brian Statham, a Test probable, could not recapture the brilliance that brought him three wickets for four runs yesterday, but Lancashire won against Somerset. The star here was 37-year-old Ken Day, a wicket-keeper from Bristol and new to first-class cricket. He defied the attack, including Statham, while hitting 56 which forced Lancashire to bat again when an innings victory appeared certain after taking Somerset's four wickets for 17 runs yesterday.—Reuter.

ICE SKATING

Olympic Gold Medallists To Turn Pro

Vienna, May 15. Elizabeth ("Sissy") Schwarz and Kurt Oppelt, who won the Olympic Gold medal for pairs skating at Cortina D'Ampezzo last February, are to become professionals.

Miss Schwarz said here tonight that she and her partner had taken a "firm decision" to give up amateur skating.

In an interview with the Austrian news agency, APA, she said they had informed the Austrian Ice Skating Association that offers had been received from many sources, including one from a German ice revue.

No decision has yet been taken where they would appear professionally or which offer to accept.—China Mail Special.

Wah Hung Application Rejected

The Hongkong Chinese Football Association, at its monthly meeting at the Yee Woo Restaurant yesterday, rejected an application by the Wah Hung Sports Club to be allowed to take part in the forthcoming Summer League Senior Division soccer tournament.

The meeting was presided over by Mr K. Y. Yung, the Chairman.

The reason for rejecting the Wah Hung application was that the bye-laws forbade a junior team joining Senior Division competition.

In its application, the Wah Hung Sports Club said it would put up a team including senior players from Eastern and KMB.

The meeting then elected Mr Yue Shu-chun as team manager of the CAAF team for today's Victory Shield game, against the Combined Services, in place of Mr Cheng Chi-ping who had declined the post.

Mr L. J. Channing, who was appointed to handle ground arrangements, requested that the sale of tickets, whether spot or presale, be entrusted to the HKCFA together with all complementary tickets.

Mr Channing said he put forward this request because he was aware of certain irregularities in the handling of complimentary tickets by the CAAF, and was not prepared to handle the Federation Cup series unless his suggestion was adopted. It was unanimously decided that his suggestion be referred to the CAAF Rules and Revision Committee.

LAWN BOWLS

CCC Teams For League Matches

The following players have been selected to represent the Cravenhoe Cricket Club in the First Division League match against CCC at CCC on May 20 at 4 p.m.:

F. Lee, W. C. Ogley, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip).

G. Hong Choy, P. K. Lau, F. O. Madar, S. Leonard (skip).

C. C. Ma, G. A. Souza, C. R. Roskel, J. S. Landolt (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

The following will represent the Club against the Filipino Club at CCC on May 20 at 4 p.m.:

J. H. Xavier, A. F. Ferreira, R. K. Pavri, A. M. L. Soares (skip).

C. K. Sung, R. O. Baker, Y. A. Razack, G. Madar (skip).

P. R. Ragl, G. F. Santos, T. A. Leonard, J. W. Leonard (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

The following will represent the Club against the Filipino Club at CCC on May 20 at 4 p.m.:

Y. T. Cheng, J. Redman, J. A. Fox, E. G. Barros (skip).

L. M. Silva, D. Rozario, D. A. Neish, J. Pau (skip).

L. J. Wade, S. R. Solina, W. Sousse, M. Q. Wong (skip).

Captain: J. A. Fox.

THE GAMBOOLS

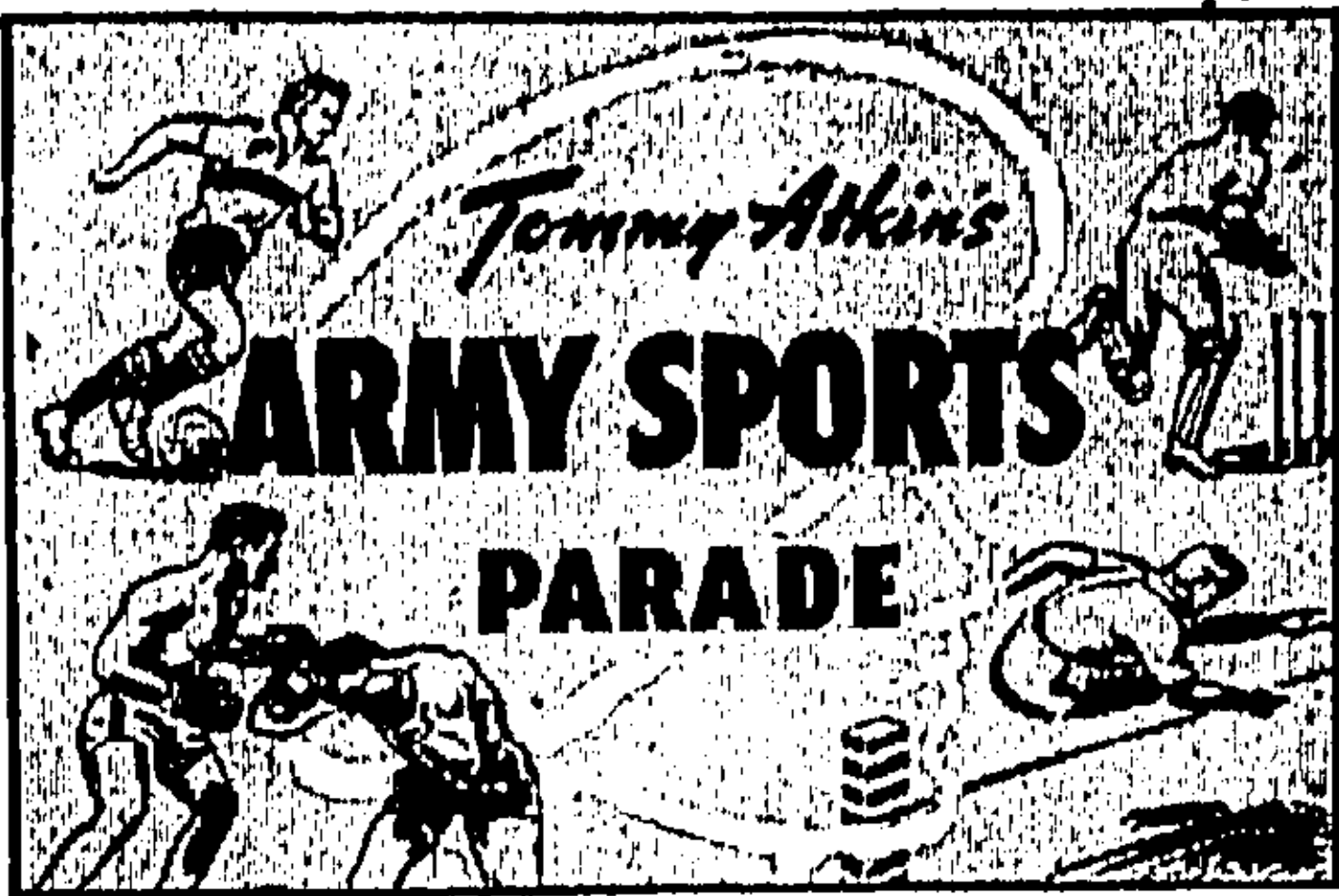


Barry Appleby



For the most refreshing THIRST QUENCHER





It is very nearly three years since this column started — my my, how time flies — and this week, for the first time we are using the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade to say 'Bon voyage' to Major A. C. A. Walker of the Army Physical Training Corps, who has done so much good for Army and Colony sport during his time in Hongkong.

Looking through a list of his activities the other day was rather like reading through a catalogue of sporting pursuits and we were left wondering how so many different things could be fitted into normal hours.

Major Walker has been a most valuable member of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association for three seasons and he has, of course, been an active referee during the same time. His biggest honour in this respect was surely when he was selected by the Hongkong Football Association to officiate at the opening game at the new Government Stadium.

Hockey also claimed a lot of his time and as the leading official on the umpiring side of the game he did much to improve the overall standard of field control.

In the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association Major Walker found adequate opportunity to further his love of water polo. He was one of the most active referees and did much good work in assisting younger officials to improve their knowledge of the game by advice, training, and examination.

GOOD JUDGMENT

Quite apart from his work in organising the various Army boxing shows and competitions Major Walker was a member of the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association where his good judgement and wide knowledge of international rules was of the greatest help to his colleagues. Here again he was not content to be solely an administrator and he was always in demand as third man in the ring.

During his time in Hongkong, Major Walker set a very high and strict standard when he organised an important sporting occasion and the Colony press has never been slow to pay tribute to his stage management of athletic meetings, boxing tournaments and swimming galas. In this respect I think the final of the Land Forces Team Boxing Championship put the seal on his work. The promotion was one of the best stage-managed amateur shows I have personally had the pleasure of attending, either in Hongkong or elsewhere.

Fencing and Basketball have also claimed a share of his interest and somehow in between times he still found the necessary hours to act as Secretary of the Army Football Referees' Committee.

Asked to name the outstanding sporting personalities he had met during his tenure in Hongkong Major Walker named the following:—

Football — Mike Granger (Army), Tong Sheung and Yiu Cheuk-yin of South China. Boxing — Henry Wong, "who has never shirked a fight," and Pte. Smith of the Northampton, "a most promising Heavyweight."

Hockey — "out on his own" Malcolm Potters of the Army.

Swimming — Cheung Kin-mun, "with Chu, Iridge of the Army as the best all-rounder."

Sportsmen in many sections of the community have already paid tribute to Major Walker and when he sails on the "Empire Orwell" on Friday would like him to know that he — and his family — take away with them the very best wishes of the Tommy Atkins Column.

"Bon Voyage" and many happy sporting times in the years ahead.

'DOUBLE TOP'

I am once again being bombarded by 'double top' enthusiasts to stir up interest in the grand old game of darts. The interest I am asked to stir is not among the regular players — if there's a keener lot anywhere I haven't met them — but among those people and organisations who might arrange an Army or Combined Services Individual Championship here in the Colony.

Up to now I have received three separate lots of cuttings from a recent edition of the Soldier Magazine in which there is a picture of GSM Haslam of the Lancashire Fusiliers, the Army Darts Champion, and a story about how he won his title in the Championship sponsored by NAAFI.

There is also reference in the cuttings to the fact that a similar tournament is now being planned for the Territorial Army... and, hold it

ATHLETICS REVIEW

THELMA HOPKINS IS BRITAIN'S NUMBER ONE OLYMPIC HOPE

Says HAROLD PALMER

The new Women's World High Jump record of 5 ft. 8½ in., set up by Thelma Hopkins, convinces me that this slim 20-year-old student at Queen's University, Belfast, is Britain's best hope for an Olympic gold medal at Melbourne.

Her brilliant early season form is due to the fact that Thelma keeps at peak fitness all the year round. In the winter she plays hockey, at which game she is also an international, and squash.

A determined young man who seems sure to go to Melbourne is Britain's No. 1 sprinter, Mike Ruddy, of Maidstone.

Twenty-year-old and now doing plastics research work, Ruddy tells me he is intent on winning both the AAA sprint titles this year.

He is looking forward to an early clash with Mill Hill schoolboy Alan Thomas, our newest sprint star, and he aims to be inside 21 seconds for the straight 220 yards he is going to run at Slaveley on June 30.

Ruddy, who has put on a stone since last June, expects to start his national service in December. After that he wants to work for a science degree, probably at London University.

HIS MILE TARGET

I like the look of the wiry little South London Harrier, Sidney Roland Langridge, who won one of the Junior Mile races at the Leyton floodlit meeting last week.

Langridge is only 19 and works as a bookbinder at Wallington. He ran his fastest

mile at the end of last season, 4min. 16sec., but his immediate target is 4min. 12sec.

Langridge is the junior cross-country champion of country, county and South of the Thames.

Schoolmaster Peter Higgins has struck good form early in the season. He attributes his condition to the Stampitt-style stamina training he has been doing, 40 quarters, each in about 66 seconds, at run with in about 40 minutes.

"I have learned a lot from Stampitt's book," says Higgins. "I follow his advice closely until March. Then I beg to disagree, because I prefer to do less, but faster, work."

Some of Higgins' training has been after dark at Bloomfield Park. He and his friends were spotted breaking in after closing time and have been warned off.

UNDECIDED

Peter Driver, who won the Empire Games Six Miles title at Vancouver two years ago, has not yet made up his mind whether to go for the Three Miles or the six miles in the AAA Championships, followed by a bid for the Southern three miles title.

Just returned from planning reinforced concrete road bridges in Nyasaland is the AAA High-Hurdling Champion, Jack Parker. He has not neglected his training, although he has not been able to practise over hurdles.

"I was out on a sports ground at Blantyre on average four times a week and once I did borrow some primitive hurdles," says Parker.

A cyclone last month interfered with training, but people thought Parker was mad to go out in the heat for training spin at the end of a busy day.

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Mistakes By Jockeys Are Becoming Too Frequent

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Earlier in the week two professional racegoers of long standing were comparing the standard of jockeyship today with that of 25 years ago. In those days some of the leading riders were Gordon Richards, Harry Wragg, Steve Donoghue, Bernard Cusack, Joe Childs, Charlie Elliott, Michael Beary, Tommy Weston and Freddie Fox.

In race after race those riders would delight the crowd with their brilliance and artistry.

It was exceedingly rare to catch one of them riding a bad race. They might admit privately afterwards that if they had employed other tactics they would have done better. But they satisfied the grandstand critic who is so apt to talk through his pocket.

Today obvious mistakes in riding tactics and faulty finishing efforts are becoming a daily feature of our racecourses. These errors are not only noticed by the professionals but they are quite clear to the ordinary racegoer, who may attend only a few times a year.

LOW LEVEL

The standard of jockeyship is reaching a dangerously low level. With a few exceptions, the jockeys' consistency today is not what it was before the war—and

Today, so many of them accept the situation a long way from home, whether it be the fact that they are winning easily or that they are completely beaten.

Looking round has become almost an obsession with some riders, whereas if they looked at the winning post and got on with the business of getting there quickly it would prove to their advantage.

OVERPAID

The profession of a jockey is one of the most overpaid in the world today. During the season they have to work hard for their money, but it is a pleasant life and the season lasts only eight months.

While trainers are finding it exceedingly hard to keep going, there is never any question of a jockey finding it necessary to retire from the saddle through shortage of cash.

Many people feel that jockeys are treated too leniently by the stewards after making mistakes which may have cost the public thousands of pounds.

This is a profession which is constantly in the public eye and they depend on it to be only aware of their responsibilities to the public.

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Miniature FA Elect Officials

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Miniature Football Association held at the Ying King Restaurant yesterday, officers of the Association for the 1956-57 season were elected as follows:

President: Mr. Chan Nan-cheung; Chairman: Mr. Cheung Ting-lun; Vice: Chairman: Messrs. Yu Yat-nin and Liu Hon-chuen; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Hon Yu-wing; Assistant: Mr. Hon Secretary: Mr. Lai Kim-chung; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Tong Ting-chung.

Committee members: Messrs. Lam Pui-lan, Chan Hon-cheung, Au-yang Kan-chuen, Lok Kim-chuen, Leung Kim-wah, Chan Wing, Lai Duen-po, Au-yang Ping, and Fan Hang.

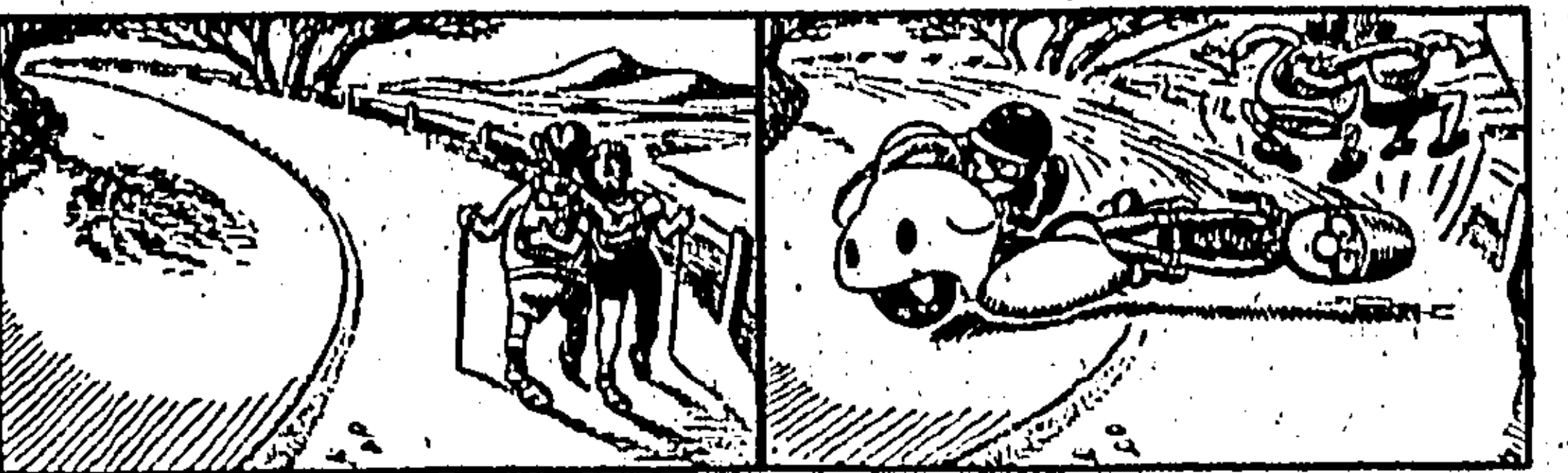
Sports Diary

TODAY
Meeting
HK Badminton Association, executive committee meeting at Marina House, 5.30 p.m.
Boxer
Victory Shield, CAAP v Combined Services, at Club Ground, 8.30 p.m.

TOMORROW
Fencing
Colony Fencing Championships of FIMCA, 8 p.m.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Close Season Tours Build Team Spirit

Says TOMMY WALKER

(Former Scottish International and now manager of Hearts, Scottish Cup winners)

It took Hearts six games—one of them a replay—to win the Scottish Cup. In doing so, we scored 18 goals and lost only one (against Celtic in the final).

I think the big step for us was when we beat Rangers 4-0 at Tynecastle in the seventh round on March 3.

At that time, Rangers had played 17 League and Scottish Cup games without defeat. We ourselves had played 16 without losing. The odd thing was that plenty of people were willing to say that Hearts were due to lose on the law of averages—but they weren't saying the same thing about Rangers.

Still, in view of our tradition for up-and-down form, I can't really blame them. I remember only too well how, in those pre-war days, Hearts were often presented with a chance to win League or Cup. We were in one or two semi-finals. We would be near the League top.

Then would come a bad patch, almost always in the first month or so of the new year. Since I have been manager, this is one tradition I have tried to get the boys to forget all about.

However, in the first half-hour of that great tie against Rangers, there was more than one moment when I wondered if we were to fall yet again. The three teams played splendid football at the start, attacking all out and making two or three line chances for themselves.

But our defence hung on magnificently. Then we scored two goals one on top of the other and went on to get two more. I believe the short close-season tours of Germany (1951), Sweden (1953) and South Africa (1954), have been one of the biggest factors in both our Cup successes and our general performances this season.

SEPARATE LIVES

These tours have gone a long way to creating the right understanding between the players both on and off the field. In the ordinary way, players meet, eat, train together and then say "cheerio" as they go off to live their separate lives.

But on tour you can't avoid each other. Like it or not, you are stuck with each other for 14 days or however long the trip may be. That way comes tolerance, sympathy with other points of view and the moulding of the esprit de corps which is so essential.

I am hoping that we will have another such tour this summer, though details have yet to be fixed.

I am often asked if I think that full-time football is the best way to get a winning team. My answer is yes, every time. But now let me surprise you. Only three of our first eleven are full-timers. They are Kirk, Cumming, Bauld.

The others have quite a mixture of jobs.

Mackay and Crawford are in the Services. Duff is a joiner, Young a mining engineer, Giddens in the water engineers' department at Bathgate. Then we have Conn travelling for brushes, Wardhaugh a journalist and McKenzie a shopkeeper.

But together they have blended into a team that has done well by its club and its supporters.

People often want me to argue about how this side would fare against our pre-war elevens.

DIFFERENCE IN STYLE

I refuse to debate this point except to say that I do think there is a considerable difference in style.

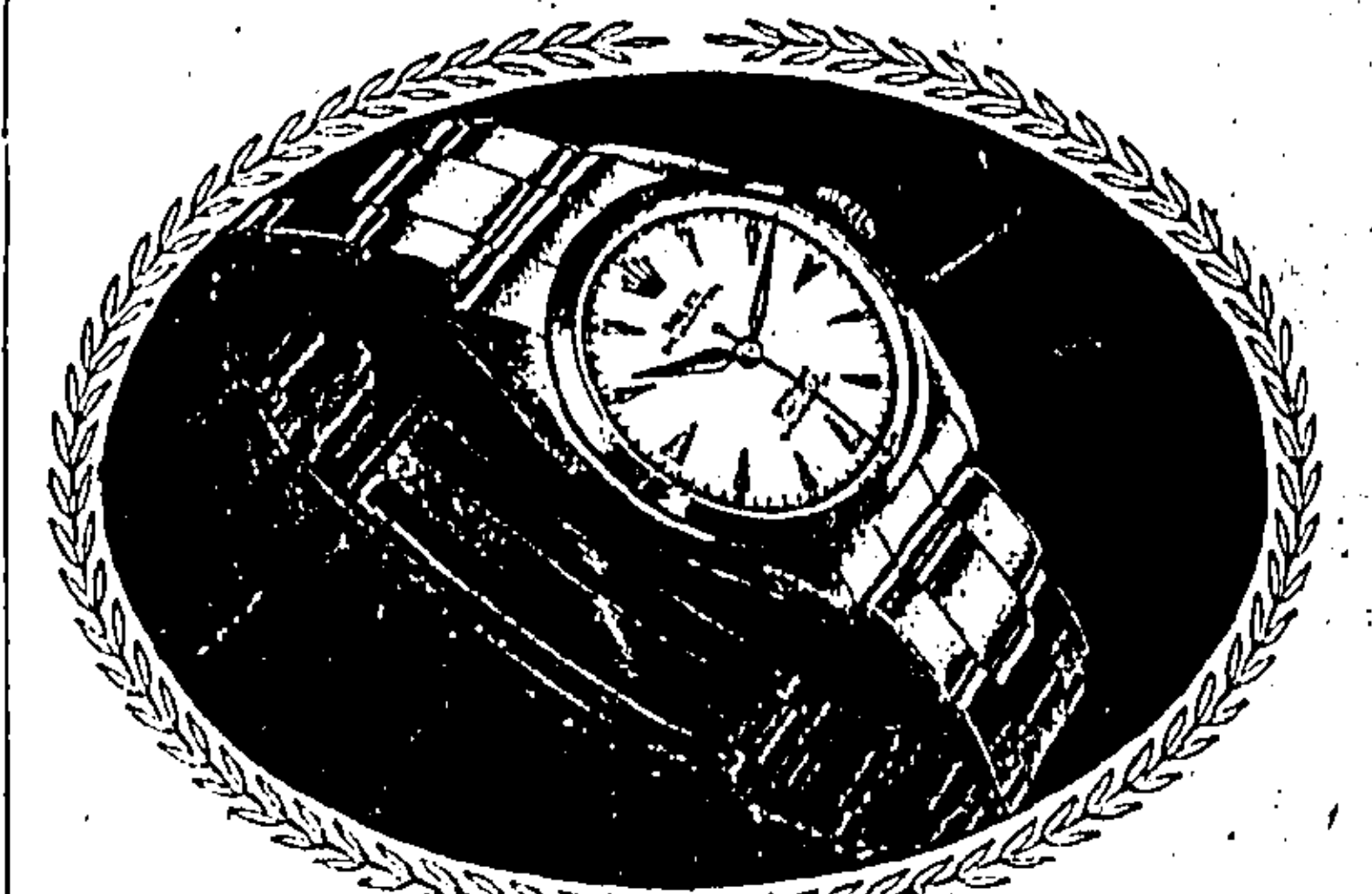
My memory of the old days is that the team was three distinct units—the goalkeeper and two backs as one; the half-backs as another; the forwards as yet a third.

Today I continually insist that each member of the team is only part of ONE unit and

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MOVE TO SIMPLIFY TRAVELLING IN EUROPE

Import Of Vehicles And Pleasure Craft

Geneva, May 15.

Customs formalities for the temporary
import of motor vehicles, pleasure boats
and aircraft are being simplified slowly
but surely thanks to the efforts of the
United Nations Economic Commission
for Europe.

The Commission's Group of Customs
Experts held its eighth session here in
April 1956, and was able to review
considerable progress in the past and hold
out hopes of future improvements.

They completed the preparation
of three draft European
customs conventions: on the
temporary importation for
private use of aircraft and
pleasure boats, on the temporary
importation of commercial
road vehicles, and on contain-
ers. The final examination of
these texts will take place at a
special session of the Group's
Inland Transport Committee
and their signature is planned
for May 18.

Simpler System

The experts noted the practical
effects of their earlier
work to simplify European
customs formalities for holiday-
makers with cars, caravans or
crates with auxiliary engines.
The system of the "triplicate
for a single journey" has now
been accepted by Austria, Bel-
gium, Britain, Czechoslovakia,
Denmark, Hungary, Italy,
Luxembourg, Netherlands, Nor-
way, Spain and Switzerland.

It is hoped that France will
accept shortly, so that through
journeys between northern and
southern Europe will be possi-
ble entirely on the "pink
triplicate" system. Bulgaria is ex-
pected to accept shortly while
West Germany is preparing to
introduce an even simpler sys-
tem.

This document, commonly
known as the pink triplicate,
is designed for the ever-growing
number of motorists who make
just one or two trips abroad
each year for holidays. It is
modestly priced, and Touring
and Automobile Clubs issue it
without requiring applicants to
join the club. A separate
triplicate system, Bulgaria is ex-
pected to accept shortly, requires
stamping at national frontiers
is required for each country to
be visited.

Governments of the following
countries have announced that
they are applying a recom-
mendation of the experts (that
they should not insist on a com-
plete and detailed inventory of
the contents of tourist caravans:
Austria, Britain, Czechoslovakia,
Denmark, the Federal Republic
of Germany, France, Ireland,
Italy, Hungary, Norway, Swe-
den, and Switzerland. The gov-
ernments of Belgium, Luxem-
bourg, Netherlands and Spain
are expected to accept the re-
commendation shortly, while
others are considering the
question.

Temporary Papers

This means that motorists
with caravans must declare only
valuable equipment and acces-
sories under the heading "Other
particulars" in the customs
document.

All customs documents have
been, or will shortly be, obso-
leted for the admission of cycles
with auxiliary engines into the
following countries: Czechoslovakia,
Denmark, France, Greece,
Hungary, Italy, Norway, Swe-
den and East Germany. This
applies to pedal cycles with an
engine of 50 cc cylinder capa-
city or less. In the Federal Re-
public of Germany, no customs
documents are required for
these vehicles or for pedal-less
motorcycles with an engine of
50 cc or less.

The experts noted that the
issue of customs papers in the
name of the hirer, when
vehicles are hired with or with-
out driver, sometimes causes
delays and may hold up the
journeys of tourists. They re-
commended to government that,
in the case of vehicles hired and
temporarily imported for pri-
vate use, they should accept
temporary importation papers
made out in the name of the
person hiring out the vehicle
and endorsed with the hirer's
name.

Permit Check

The experts discussed a pro-
posal for the introduction of a
"motor vehicle passport" which
would do away with all other
customs documents. But the
adoption of this system, which
exists only between France and
Italy, seemed to present diffi-
culties to many governments.

The Federal Republic of Ger-
many intends to dispense with
the guarantee of payment of
duties. Tourists entering the
country will simply be issued
with a document stating the

date on which they crossed the
frontier, which will then per-
mit a check to be kept on the
length of time the vehicle re-
mains in the country.

Other countries thought that
it would be difficult to abolish
the guarantee and to check the
length of stay of temporarily
imported vehicles. It was re-
cognised that any relaxation in
the system of "carnets de pas-
sage en douane," triptychs and
"laissez-passer" would involve
a check, when vehicles were re-
gistered, on whether duties had
been paid or whether vehicles
were lawfully in the country.
No such check exists as yet in
some countries.

The experts agreed to con-
tinue study of this matter at
its subsequent sessions.

The Countries

The eighth session was at-
tended by experts from the
following countries: Austria,
Belgium, Britain, Bulgaria,
Czechoslovakia, Denmark, the
Federal Republic of Germany,
France, Hungary, Italy, Nether-
lands, Spain, Sweden, Switzer-
land, and Yugoslavia. The cus-
toms Co-operation Council, the
World Touring and Automobile
Organisation, and the Inter-
national Road Transport Union
were also represented.—China
Mail Special.

ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW OPENS



Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at 6 P.M. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.
The latest posting times for
registered articles are generally
one hour earlier than the times
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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS
On Monday, May 21, 1956 there
will be no delivery. The public
counters at the Victoria, Shuang-
wan and Kowloon Central Post
Offices will open for public busi-
ness from 9 a.m. to Noon and
from 10 a.m. to Noon only.
The box lockers at the Victoria
and Kowloon Central Post Offices
will open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Shuangwan from 9 a.m. to Noon
and from 10 a.m. to Noon.
All other Post Offices will
be closed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
By Air
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Macao, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Ger-
many and Great Britain, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
1 p.m.
Macao, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

By Air

Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa,
11 a.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
land, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe,
6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
1 p.m.
Macao, 3 p.m.

London kiddie Linda Shaw
is pictured with "Hillingdon
Flash," a piebald stallion,
while her father drives a
model car, during the
Trade and Agricultural Light
Turnout event at the Royal
Windsor Horse Show.—Ex-
press Photo.

Rickshaw Puller Injured

A rickshaw puller, Wong Tai
Tau, of 43 Second Street, was
slightly injured when his rick-
shaw collided with a private
motor car in Connaught Road
Central shortly after midnight.
Wong was sent to hospital for
treatment but was not detained.
His rickshaw was badly
damaged.

Ear-Rings Snatched

A Chinese woman had her
ear-rings snatched by a man
whilst walking in Apiti Street,
Kowloon at 9 a.m. yesterday.

COLOURED CAST MAKE MUSICAL HISTORY

SING OPERA IN ITALIAN

Capetown, May 15.

Musical history has been made here by a
group of coloured South African singers who
learnt and performed Giuseppe Verdi's opera "La
Traviata" entirely in Italian.

It was the first time anywhere
in the world that "La Traviata,"
had been sung by an all-
coloured cast. Critics have been
in raptures over the quality of
the performance and worldwide
tributes have been paid to the
achievement.

Not one of the large com-
pany in the performance knew
a word of Italian before re-
hearsals began a year before
the opening night at the City
Hall in Capetown.

CULTURAL SOCIETY

Translations of the libretto
had to be made literally phrase
by phrase so that the singers
knew the meaning of the words,
then came weeks of pronuncia-
tion practice under an Italian-
born opera producer, Alessandro
Rola, and a Capetown account-
ant, Joseph Manca, the musical
director.

The whole production was the
work of Capetown's Egan Group,
a cultural society devoted to the
interests and development of a
million people of mixed race,
known here as the Cape
Coloureds.

Neither white nor black, the
Cape Coloureds are a community
of their own descended from the
mixing of white and coloured
races during the settlement years
of South Africa. They now fill
the secondary role of skilled
factory worker, clerk or domes-
tic servant on the fringe of
white society.

Traditionally following the
ways of white society, though
racially segregated under South
Africa's current colour bar laws,
the Cape Coloureds aspire to
the same culture and their
triumph here with "La Traviata"
has been hailed as a milestone
in their artistic life, already rich
in natural musical talent.

It has brought almost over-
night fame to the Egan Group
which was founded modestly in
1933 by a Manchester-born
Englishwoman, Helen Southern-
Holt, who worked close to the
coloureds for over 20 years and
felt their need for some cultural society.

VARIETY OF JOBS

In addition to "La Traviata,"
the Arts Festival, now in pro-
gress, includes Mendelssohn's
oratorio "Elijah," ballet, the
British musical play "Zip Goes
a Million," "The Mikado" and
the South African opera, and the play
"Johnny Belinda."

Over a year's preparation
went into the production of
Verdi's opera with a variety of
Coloured people from a variety
of jobs—cooks, clerks and bus
conductors—giving all their
leisure time to it.

Every Saturday afternoon for
12 months was spent rehearsing.
During the week in between
rehearsals, the domestic ser-
vants, the factory hands and the
errand boys who had parts in
the cast went about their jobs,
singing snatches of Italian
opera.

Members of the Italian Em-
bassy in South Africa, who
were among a distinguished
official audience at a gala per-
formance of the opera, were
openly astonished at the de-
livery of their language and
music by men and women who
had, in fact, never heard Italian
or seen an opera before.

PACKED HALL

"They picked it up very
quickly—threw all away a
natural ear," said their musical
director, Mr. Manca. "They sing
it better than I can," laughed
their delighted Italian producer,
Mr. Rola, who has sung the
principal roles of 44 operas in
many parts of the world.

The London publishers of the
"La Traviata" score wrote: "We
salute you—this being the first
time 'La Traviata' has been
performed by an all-Coloured
cast. Such a praiseworthy and
notable departure opens up
stimulating vistas."

Capetown audiences who
packed the City Hall for every
night of the opera forgot in the
remarkable quality of the pro-
duction that they were listening
to men and women whom they
regarded as uneducated and
unskilled in the Coloured classes.

ASTONISHMENT

"True, there must have been
some astonishment in many
minds at the sound and the
spectacle of a non-European
amateur cast performing Italian
opera in Italian at a level that
would put more than one pro-
fessional company to shame,"
wrote the Cape Argus.

"But even astonishment is to
some extent an admission of
failure to realise how far, with
guidance, these unprivileged
men and women, from factories,
shops and domestic jobs, can
travel in the realms of art,"
China Mail Special.

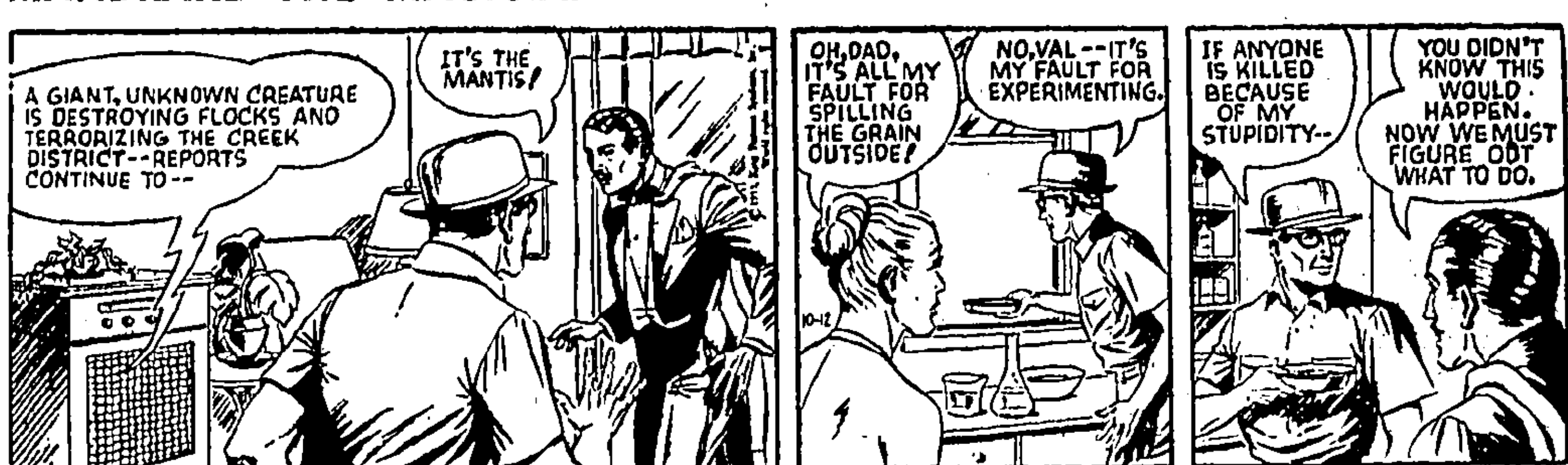
BOYS INJURED

At 6.30 p.m. yesterday, a
motor-cycle collided with two
Chinese boys in Tung Tau
Chuen Road near Hui Wong
Temple Road.

The two boys, Tam Siu-sung,
seven years, residing at hut
No. 5, Third Lane, Sai Shing
Road, 1st floor, and Chan Tak-
chal, ten years, of Tai Cheung
Street, Tung Tau Village, sus-
tained injuries and were sent to
hospital. The younger boy
was detained but the other was
discharged after receiving
treatment.

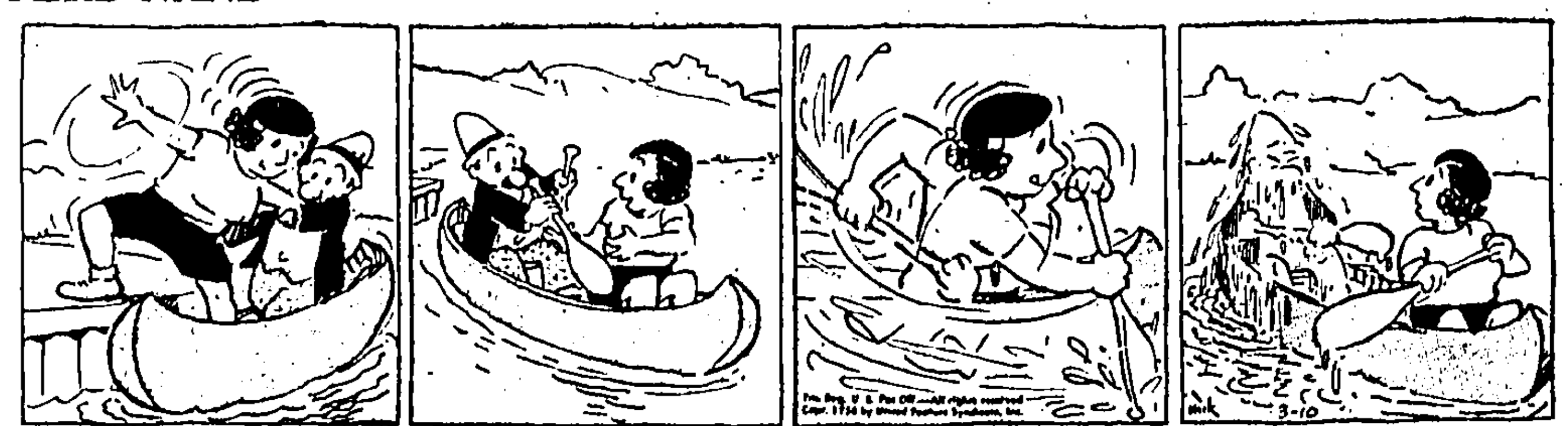
MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



FERD'NAND

By Mik



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By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

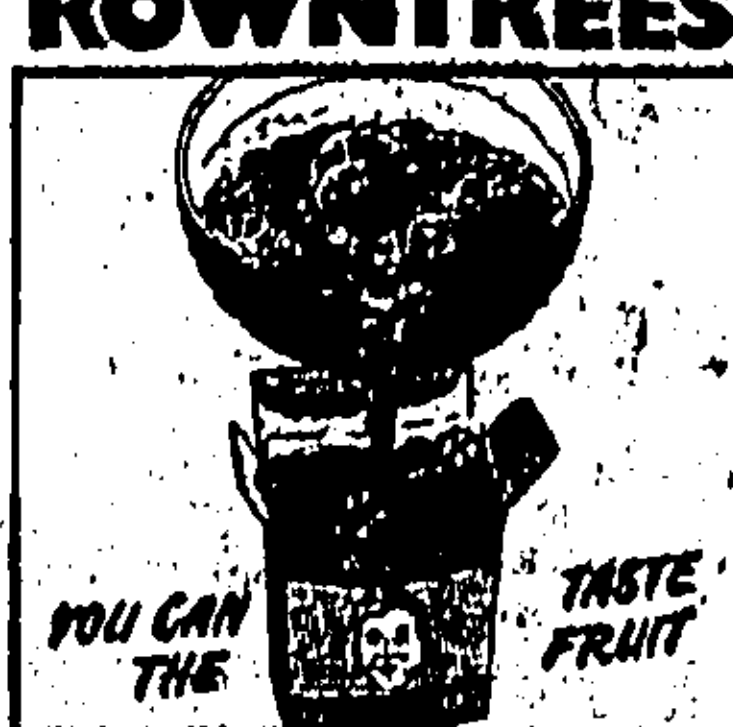


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...this situation calls for a



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD RUBBER MARKET

New York, May 15.
The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 15 to 25 points higher with sales of 141 contracts.

The standard contract closed 15 to 30 points higher with sales of six contracts. The former trend reflected the action at London and a pause in the recent liquidating and hedge selling pressure.

A good part of the terminal market business was in transacting operations, involving swaps of July and September contracts for physical rubber. Informed sources estimated about 200 tons were done on an exchange of July futures contracts for June shipment one sheet.

The shipment market ruled quiet. Sheet offerings were smaller and higher, with buyers uninterested. Some low-grade factory rubber also was around.

Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted nominally 39 1/2 cents a pound. Futures:

No. 1 RSS	
May	29.85
July	30.10
Sept	29.40
Dec	29.20

Standard contract	
May	29.85
July	30.10
Sept	29.40
Dec	29.20

SINGAPORE	
May	29.85
July	30.10
Sept	29.40
Dec	29.20

There was moderate trade support on the market today, and also fair enquiry for lower grades. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
June	29.85
July	30.10
Aug	29.40
Sept	29.20
Oct	29.00
Nov	28.80
Dec	28.60
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